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## Mandelson offered role in S Africa



Mandelson: his friends are

BY ROLAND WATSON POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PETER Mandelson was on course last night to make a dramatic return to his role as election strategist by travelling to South Africa and working for a smooth transition to Nelson Mandela's successor.

The job would see the former Trade Secretary acting as special adviser to the African National Congress, helping ensure the party's return to power and the election of Thabo Mbeki as president.

Mr Mandelson's name was mentioned for the role when Tony Blair met Mr Mbeki in Pretoria during his three-day trip to South Africa earler this month. The MP for Hartlepool, who resigned from the Cabinet before Christmas over his £373,000 home loan from Geoffrey Robinson, the former Paymaster General, is being strongly urged by some friends to take the job. Although he is interested in the role. Mr Mandelson has yet to commit

himself to it. One downside is that the threemonth election campaign in South Africa clashes with a series of critical elections in Britain. A firm date will be set next month for the South African poll, but it is expected to be in May, or June at the latest. At that

campaigns for the Scottish parliament, Welsh assembly, local elec-tions in large parts of the country and the European parliament. Labour chiefs anxious to give Mr

Mandelson a quiet rehabilitation away from the limelight are at pains to keep him at arms-length from the public face of the party's campaign. But as the man who masterminded the tactics for Labour's May 1997 General Election landslide, he will inevitably be called upon in an advisory role.

Another downside is that spending eight weeks or more in the South African sun would not square with

what some of his friends see as Mr Mandelson's best route back to office, namely toiling away on the "rubber chicken circuit" as a back-

bench MP for Hartlepool.

The offer of the South African job dates back to before Christmas when political staff from the South African Embassy in London visited Downing Street to talk about the possibility. Mr Blair, who wants to toster closer links with the ANC as a way of developing "third way" policies, encouraged the idea.
Rollowing his pre-Christmas resig

nation and given his background in election campaigning, Mr Mandelname became the obvious front-runner. Despite his reserva-tions, senior Labour figures expect him to spend at least part of the campaign for South Africa's second democratic election in Cape Town. Mr Mandelson's ties with African go back to when he spent a year in Tan-

zania before going to Oxford. Labour MPs would almost certainly welcome the post. They were angered by Mr Blair's decision to keep Mr Mandelson on as his "personal representative" in talks with Gerhard Schröder's German administration and believe Mr Mandelson should serve a period of "quarantine" before trying to stage a political comeback. A purely political

role, particularly working for such a long-cherished left-wing cause as the ANC, would be likely to go down favourably on Labour's backbenches. Earlier this week Mr Mandelson's involvement in the Anglo-German talks was downgraded to head off a rebellion by Labour MPs. In a separate development, the

cross-party standards and privileges committee is expecting to hear from the new Parliamentary Commissioner Elizabeth Firkin next month on whether she believes Mr Mandeslon broke parliamentary rules by failing to declare his loan from Mr Robinson in the MPs regis-

## **GPs** defy Dobson's Viagra rationing

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

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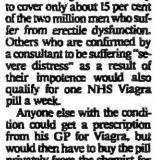
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would then have to buy the pill privately from the chemist for about £6 each. Mr Dobson announced his

plan on the day that the BMA had issued a warning it would instruct members to start prescribing the drug if no guidelines were received from the Health Department

He was advised on November 9 by the Senior Medical Advisory Committee that there were no medical reasons why the drug could not be prescribed on the NHS by GPs. He was also advised by the committee to consider the priority that should be given to all methoids of treating the condition relative to treatments for other conditions. It took Mr Dobson two and a half months to do this and he decided that the only way out is to ration treatment.

His decision was solely based on cost. The cost of treating impotence could escalate," he said. "We have to find a sensible balance between treating men with a distressing condition and protecting the resources of the NHS to deal with other patients - for example, people with cancer,

health problems." Doctors see this as an unwarranted intrusion into its duty to decide what treatment is best for a patient. During the six weeks that the Government plan is open for consultation the BMA is to encourage doctors to prescribe the pill freely on the NHS because there is no legal ban that can stop them doing so.



Lib Dems sexy"



Gurkhas searching cliffs above Hastings yesterday on the third day of the hunt for the missing ten-year-olds. Lisa Hoodless and Charlene Lumnon

## Four killed in mid-air crash over school

school, near Worksop, north Nottinghamshire, were sitting

at morning lessons when they

heard a loud explosion shortly

before 11.30. Seconds later, ac

cording to witnesses, debris

from the light aircraft rained down over nearby fields, some

pieces landing 200 yards from

Less than a minute later in

the village of Everton, three

miles away, people reported another explosion as the Tor-

nado GRI bomber came down

The £17 million Tornado.

with two pilots on board - an RAF instructor and an Italian

Air Force trainee - has manu-

Wing Commander Crispin

half a mile from homes.

did not survive.

raged by the Northern Ire-land Security Minister's plan By Peter Foster to meet the families of eight A VILLAGE primary school IRA men who were killed in came within a split-second of an SAS ambush as they were driving a mechanical digger disaster yesterday after an RAF Tornado jet collided in mid-air with a Cessna light aircarrying a 2001b bomb at the RUC station in Loughall in craft leaving four people dead. Children from Mattersey

attack police Striking coalminers hijacked lorries and tore through barricades in the central town of Costesti as police tried to

Strike miners

Minister to

meet IRA

families

Victims of the IRA are out-

block their march to the Romanian capital. At one stage they held policemen hostage. Closure of the mines is recommended by the World Bank and the IMF .....

Friends angered by Monet queue

Tempers were frayed outside Burlington House as hundreds of Friends of the Royal Academy queued for up to two hours to see the Monet exhibition preview. When the exhibition opens to the public to-morrow tickets will be timed to avoid congestion, but no such system was in place for the preview\_\_\_

#### Robertson joins Laura Ashley

The Rev Pat Robertson, the religious broadcaster who was once a contender for the Republican presidential nomina-tion, has joined the board of Laura Ashley, which reported a sharp fall in Christmas sales and has just lost another chief \_\_\_.Page 25

ston, near Retford, with two Cessos crasha here

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the jet had been on a routine flight. RAF Cottesmore is the home of the Tri-National Tornado Establishment, formed in 1979 to train pilots and navigators from the RAF, and the German and Italian air forces. Families of the victims were being contacted last night. No

names had been released. David Learmount, editor of Flight International, claimed that the system for preventing mid-air crashes over much of Britain was primitive. Routes ally operated ejector seats.

One of the crew, the Italian, succeeded in ejecting before impact with the Cessna, but he in and out of airports are covered by air traffic control systems but in uncontrolled air space, mainly over rural areas, light planes flying above 1,000ft can go where they like. "Around half of all UK air

Edmonds, acting station com-mander at RAF Cottesmore in space is completely uncon-trolled," he said. Rudand, from where the Tornado had taken off, said that Police were yesterday begin-



A piece of the Cessna after RAF jet "came out of nowhere"

ning an investigation as the Air Accident Investigation Branch began sifting through wreckage. They confirmed that the Cessna had taken off from a private airfield at Gam-

men on board. Yesterday parents, some in tears, collected their children from Mattersey school and told of their relief after hearing. how close it had been to disaster. Teresa Mapplebeck, 27, who has a four-year-old daugh-ter, Stephanie, there said: "I heard a crack and saw the plane falling from the sky. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I dialled 999 then rang my friend, I was in a panic."

Mrs Mapplebeck then scooped up her son Liam, two, and drove to Mattersey. "I thought it had come down on top of the school. When I got there I saw debris on the road. There was a map which I think came from the plane.

People were crying."
Rob Morley, collecting his daughter, Samantha, eight. and son, Dan, six, said: "I was driving with the radio on when I heard. I did not have a number for the school but telephoned a friend who told me how close they had all come." Samantha said: "We heard this bang, and went rushing to the windows. We saw the man

parachuting down." Douglas Scrivner, of Mattersey, said: "I saw a tittle plane flying around then I saw a jet which came out of nowhere. It went straight through the mid-dle of the light aircraft. Those on board would have had no chance."

Linda Watkinson, 48, who lives 500 yards from the Everton crash, watched the RAF plane spiral to the ground.

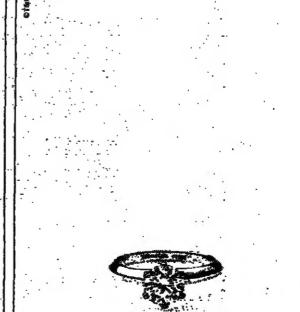
#### Gurkhas join hunt for lost girls BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

FIFTY Gurkhas joined the search in Hastings for the missing ten-year-olds. Lisa. Hoodless and Charlene Lunnon yesterday, as police said that there had been four uncon-firmed signings of the girls in

London since they disap-peared on Tuesday. The Ourkhas joined 300 pol-ice and 50 military police on the third day of the operation as the hunt spread from Hastings to open ground, woodrounding Sussex countryside.
Officers from the Metropoli-

tan Police were checking three unsubstantiated sightings in Plumstead, southeast London - two on trains and one on a bus - and one near the crematorium in Ruislip, northwest London, where the ashes of Charlene's mother, who died two years ago, were interred.

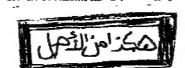
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## Total recall? Here is the talking equivalent of invisible ink

an amazing ability. Stephen Byers is the talking equivalent of invisible ink. Within seconds of his speaking you cannot recall a word he has said: he simply wipes himself from your con-

I was at Westminster early yesterday for Questions to the Secretary of State for Trade and industry. It was the dispatch box debut of Peter Mandelson's replacement. I needed to note Mr Byers's answers.

ritain's new Trade and It was spooky. I couldn't. Time Industry supremo has and again I tried to write down what Byers was saying or had just said. Time and again, all recollection fled.

Byers rose. My mind began to wander. I pinched myself and gripped a pen, foreing my-self to listen. "I would like to thank my hon friend," droned Byers to Stephen Ladyman (Lab. S Thanet) "for his warm words of welcome ... "

Attention began to slip. ! wrestled with oblivion but an unseen force was loosening pen from fingers. I wrenched

attention back. " ... We can do more ... " — and my mind blanked. Short-term memory was wiped.

So total is Stephen Byers's self-wipe function that it may be some form of hypnosis, a horrifying new technique in mind-control now learnt by new Labour. The fellow speaks and -ffst - it's gone. snatched from recollection by the some mysterious force.

And new Labour ministers can now do this. They leave no mental trace. Stephen Byers is the typewriter with no



ribbon, the leadless pencil, the printer without ink. "External financing limit . . . regime in place ... high quality service at affordable prices ..." Byers bleated — and I blanked. The

Byers is neither big nor small. His hair was grey. His accent was neutral. His suit was grey, His tie was grey, He

countant to a large dental practice in Northampton. He was wearing glasses - or was he? Dammit, that's gone too.

When I managed to re-engage consciousness, he was speaking again, to George Turner (Lab. NW Norfolk). "Steps have been taken ... I've no doubt at all ... stens

have been taken ... no con-flict ... no doubt ... no conflict ... " only fragments survive, shards of cliché.

But Byers's was not the only début at Industry Questions. Michael Wills, the new Minister for small business, was at the dispatch box for the first time. He will go far. Mr Wills takes self-wipe to new levels. I cannot even remember seeing him in the Chamber before. And Hansard's computermemory is susceptible to his magnetic powers of erasure

Wills seems to have wiped

tions from the record, which notes only eight utterances in 20 months.

On yesterday's showing

these are the very models of a modern Labour minister. Replying to a question about abolishing red tape from Bri-an Cotter (Lib-Dem, Weston Super-Marel, Mr ... er ... crikey, something is trying to plack the name from my memory ... replied "Madam Speaker, this Government is commit-

ted, we are committed, we are

indeed committed .... "What

ber that they are committed very committed indeed - but to what? Ah, that we cannot quite recall.

Answering, minutes later, on the Millennium Experience, the Minister Janet Anderson unwittingly hinted at a chilling comparison with the New Labour Experience. In the "Mind" zone of the Dome, she said, "the public will be able to interract with a vanced, intelligent robots". To interract with Mr Byers. is to do likewise.

## **IRA** victims attack plan to meet relatives

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

VICTIMS of IRA atrocities expressed outrage last night at a minister's decision to meet relatives of an IRA unit killed by the SAS while attacking a Co Armagh police station.

Adam Ingram, the Northern Ireland Security Minister. has agreed to meet the families of eight IRA men ambushed as they were driving a mechanical digger carrying a 200lb bomb at the RUC station in Loughall in 1987.

The SAS was forewarned of the attack and 40 soldiers took part in the ambush which effectively wiped out the IRA's East Tyrone brigade. A pas-ser-by died in the crossfire. The IRA detonated the bomb during the gunlight, and it de-stroyed part of the station. right is now wrong in this "It's a despicable act," said Brian McConnell, secretary of Andrew Mackay, the Shad-ow Northern Ireland Secre-

the group Families Acting for Innocent Relatives which represents victims of IRA violence in Co Armagh. His members plan to picket the meeting at Stormont on Monday.

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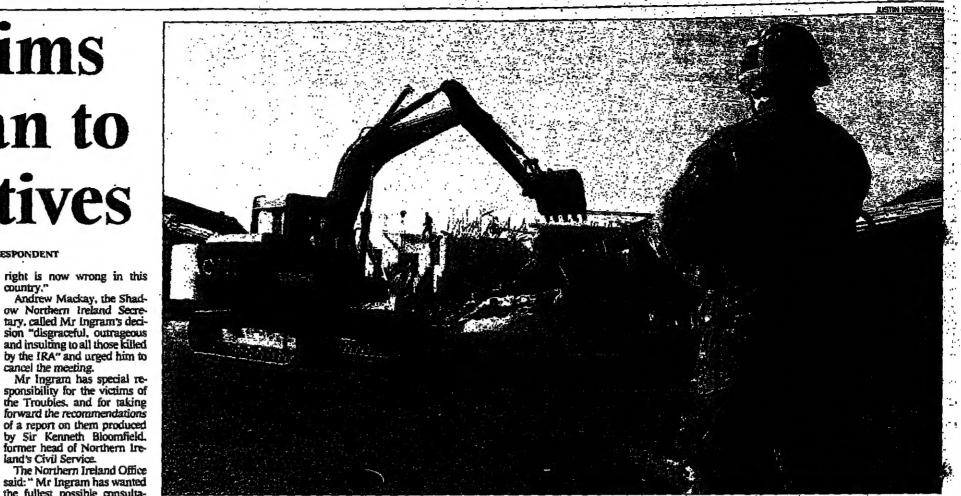
nation can these people be de-scribed as victims. These people, or their relatives, took Government is now consulting with them adds insult to injury. We feel Adam Ingram is dancing on the graves of the real victims by giving cre-dence to these killers. What's

said: " Mr Ingram has wanted the fullest possible consultation on Sir Kenneth's report. He has met a wide range of groups and individuals who describe themselves as victims. In the majority of cases these meetings have been en-tirely private. He will be in listening mode when he meets the Loughall Truth and Justice ☐ The Tories have called a

cancel the meeting.

land's Civil Service.

Commons debate next Wednesday on the punish-ment bearings by loyalist and republican paramilitary groups. They will demand that the release of terrorist prisoners be halted unless the beatings and shootings stop.



Even the soldiers are happy to see the demise of Fort Whiterock. One who watched yesterday's demolition said troops there were on a hard routine everything had to be bombproof to withstand the constant mortar attacks by the IRA, who saw it as a symbol of British oppression

## Barracks demolished in name of peace

FORT WHITEROCK, the massive army base that has dominated the skyline of republican West Belfast for 20 years, lay in rubble last night. After resisting countless IRA attempts to destroy it, the imposing barracks, with its 50ft watchtowers and bombproof

ster peace process. Perched high above the city at the

foot of the Black Mountain, Fort original candle factory, which was con-Whiterock became one of Belfast's best-known landmarks and the object of bitter republican hatred. At the height of the Troubles it was home to thousands of soldiers and the target of

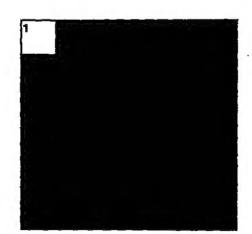
constant IRA attacks. walls, is being torn down as part of Now its barricades and firing rang-government efforts to bolster the Ul- es are all but gone. When the demolition work is complete in a few months' time, the only building left will be the verted into a gymnasium when the troops moved in.

Republicans who saw the base as a symbol of British oppression said its demise was long overdue. "The observation posts looked right out into the surrounding housing estates and kept people constantly under surveillance Marie Moore, a Sinn Fein councillor. said. "We now hope the land will be

have an industrial estate and maybe even a tourist attraction which would take in the Black Mountain."

Some of the soldiers based there were no less happy to see Fort White-rock go, "Soldiers here were on a hard routine," said one as he watched the demolition. Everything is bomble proof, even the windows in your rooms are bombproof."

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#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### **Prisoner** can sue for damages

A convicted murderer who was slashed with a razor by two other jail inmates won the go-ahead yesterday to sue the prison for damages.
The Court of Appeal upheld

a decision by a County Court judge last year that Garbree prison in Leicestershire acted negligently in not taking reasonable care to ensure the safety of Robert Hartshorn. The ruling means that Hartshorn. who was lailed in 1986, can now seek to have his claim for damages assessed over the attack in July 1995, which left him needing 88 stitches and scarred for life.

It also paves the way for other prisoners who can show that the authorities had been negligent to bring similar claims. At present, only prisoners who are widely accepted to be likely targets of attack, such as child abusers, can seek to pursue such claims.

#### Bottom of class

A Leeds family action group lost a plea for a judicial review of the city council's decision to close Middle Park High School, which was bottom of the national GCSE league table. The school, which serves a council estate, has a falling register and a deficit of £346,000.

#### Wife speaks out

The wife of one of the policemen facing criticism over the Stephen Lawrence case defended him yesterday. Rosemary Ilsley said that her husband, former Detective Chief Superintendent William Ilsley, was not a racist, and that Sir William Macpherson's inquiry had been "unfair and unjust".

#### Stress claim

A detective who retired early because of ill health is suing Merseyside Police for damag-es, claiming he was negligent-ly overworked. Detective Constable Paul Hatton, 45, who left in 1993, claims in his action that he suffers stress so badly that he will never be able to work again.

### £100 levy to fund new food agency

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

THE Government is to publish a Bill for the establishment of a Food Standards Agency next Wednesday, along with proposals for funding the new body.

This means that the legislation could be introduced in the current parliamentary ses-sion, even though it was miss-ing from the Queen's Speech last November. How quickly the new agen-

cy becomes reality is likely to depend mainly on whether reform of the House of Lords proceeds smoothly, freeing parlia-mentary time for consideration of the Bill.

The Government is expected to propose that the £100 mil-lion-a-year cost of running the from an annual levy of £100 on each of the 600,000 shops, hotels, restaurants and other food premises in Britain.

agency should be met largely

First proposed in a White Pa-

per a year ago, the agency is intended to act as an independent watchdog on food safety, and will take over many of the functions now exercised by the Ministry of Agriculture.
A series of alarms over food

safety, from salmonella to mad cow disease, have undermined the credibility of the ministry, which has had the role of promoting the food industry as well as policing it. Much of this latter function

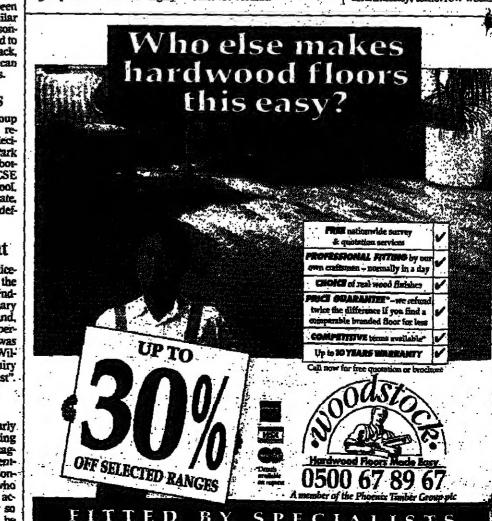
would pass to the new agency. which would be chiefly accountable to the Secretary of State for Health.

#### **Davies** returns to limelight

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

RON DAVIES, who resigned as Welsh Secretary last autumn, is today to return to the limelight for the launch of an-RSPB pamphiet on how people will be able to use the Welsh assembly to advance green" concerns.

The event, in Cardiff, is the start of an effort by Mr Davies to regain his standing as a key figure in the assembly. He plans a speech in Cardiff next month to warn the Prime Minister that more freedom should be given to Labour Party members in Wales. But Mr Davies's credibility depends on his being selected as a candidate for the assembly for Caerphilly, his Westminster constituency, tomorrow week.



War Graves Commission site is outstanding success, reports Michael Binyon

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records as possible to "defeat all those killed in the two world wars were posted on the Internet. The figure is higher than the number of people who have visited the Internet site of Diana, Princess of Wales, and more than twice the number of war dead whose names have been recorded by the Commonwealth

War Graves Commission The commission, set up in 1917 to tend the graves of soi-diers of the British Empire who fell on the Western Front and elsewhere, published all its records, computerised since 1995, on the Internet on November 9, two days before Armastice Day. Since then the site has received more than

55,000 hits a day.

A addition, after publication of the Debt of Honour Register, containing the names and details of 1.78 million casualties, some 250,000 people from around the world have written to the commission seeking further details of their relatives and war dead. The commission's headquar-ters in Maidenhead. Berkshire, is being rebuilt to pro-vide a faster and more reliable

countries: Britain, which pays over 75 per cent of the costs. Canada, Australia, New Zealand. South Africa and India. The commission's main task is

tending the impressive cemeteries, war memorials and graves across the vast swath of northern Europe that saw ferocious fighting in both world wars, and in more than 100. other countries where Com-monwealth soldiers have died.

The commission has offices close to the banlefields at Arras and Ypres and also in Rome. Keeping as detailed. days, next of kin and com-rades in arms have located and visited the graves and memorials.

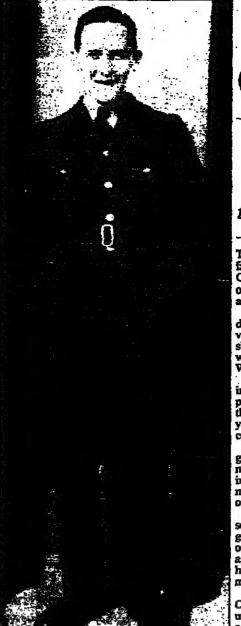
In the 1920s the records were kept in card indexes in enced to 1,500 cemetery regis-ters. It was impossible to find anyone without knowing the surname or details of the date of death or regiment. A search carried out after a written re-quest costs £2.

The new database is free and makes it possible to find people with only scant information to go on. The commission says it will be particularly valuable for family historians. teachers, researchers, journal-ists and all those keeping alive the name and memory of those who fell. Some of the most famous

British poets and architects have been associated with the design of the cemeteries and the wording on war memorials. They include Rudyard Ki-pling, Frederick Kenyon, Ed-win Lutyens and Reginald Bloomfield. Under Fabian Ware, the first vice-chairman of the commission, the firm and, at that time controversial, principle was established that formly commemorated, without distinction between rank, race or creed. All headstones are permanent and similar.

The Internet site reproduces these principles on screen. Each name called up has the same brief description: name, rank, company and date and place of death. On each there is a picture of two poppy wreaths at the foot of the Cenotaph and the celebrated Kip-pling epitaph: "Their name liveth for evermore." Further information on each

name gives a description of the battle, the circumstances and whatever else is known about the soldier and his regiment. The commission's site is: http://www.cwgc.org



Flight Sgt Kenneth John Owen Hawkins

## In search of our dear Uncle Owen

Armed with only scant details, David Charter went in search of his grandfather's brother, which triggered a long forgotten memory



THERE was an unwritten rule in my family that the death of Great Uncle Owen Hawkins was, two generations on, still a subject too painful to talk

dren and, as the baby, everyone's favourite. The few pictures that survive show he was barely out of his teens when he was shot down in the Second

I remember my late grandfather lifting the rice-paper veil of a treasured photograph album and pausing over the image of his brother, a dashing young flier grinning with pride and confidence. Poor Owen, he said.

I believe my grandfather visited his grave once, somewhere on the Continent, but I don't remember him talking about it. My mother advised me not to push any questions as it would

only upset him.

The details of Owen's sacrifice seemed in danger of being lost altogether when my grandfather, the last of the four siblings, died seven years ago. The lack of a memorial closer to home only added to the fragility of his

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website is very easy to ise. Starting without even the official address of the site, my request on the Internet's opening search screen for "War graves" produced 29 options, the second of which is the commission.

After clicking on "search the register" twice, a basic question form asks for details of surname, initial, war or year of death, service and nationality.

At first it seemed as if I would be disappointed. Not one O. Hawkins was among the dozens of Hawkins listed as Royal Air Force casualties. But the first name I clicked on, the

only one with an O among the initials, turned out to be Flight Sergeant Kenneth John Owen Hawkins. I knew immediately it was Great Uncle Owen be-cause it listed his parents' address, the village where my great grandparents

My first reaction was amazement, not just at finding the records so easily but at confirmation of Owen's age. He was just 21 when he died on Wednes-day July 29, 1942. He was a pilot in 23 squadron RAF volunteer reserve. He is buried in Uden war cametery in The Netherlands, grave 4.H.l. My mother was delighted when 1

told her about the website. It triggered a fantastic last memory of her uncle. who dazzled his four-year-old niece on a surprise home visit shortly before he died. He promised to fly over the house for her and returned that afternoon, rocking the wings of his aircraft as he disappeared.

My mother's one regret about the In-

ternet memorial is that, sadly, there is nobody left in the family of her father's generation to appreciate it.

## The most popular sites are often the silliest

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE millions of websites on the Internet range from the sil-ly and irreverent to the serious

and informative.
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pages, with 44 million. Other chart topping web-sites covered under official tigures are Line One, an Internet service provider with 22.6 million visitors a month, and Soc-

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> 200,000 visitors a month. The popular irreverent sites tend to be showcases for computer designers. Many are a mix of alternative culture, including campaigns on green is-

sation of drugs and comments on football mixed with silly games. www.urban75.com, which attracts about 300,000 visits a month, is the work of Mike Slocombe, and offers,

Estimating which sites are the most popular is almost impossible, but steps are being made to audit them to produce figures like those for newspaper circulations. The Audit Bureau of Circulation is covering 70 sites, mostly those of medi organisations. Among them are www.uploaded.co.uk, an electronic version of loaded month): the British Tourist Authority's www.visitbritain. com (2 million); and the pop music site www.dotmusic.com (L4 million).

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## Taunted boy tried to scrub himself white'

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A BLACK boy tried to scrub-himself white after being taunted by schoolmates who chanted the refrain from a traditional blues song often sung in

Elaine Ramsay, 33, from Radcliffe, Manchester, has withdrawn her son, Elliott Stephens, from the school. derstand why her son kept saying he wanted to be white until her sister told her about the

song, sung at Radcliffe Junior School each week in assembly for the past three years Black, Brown and White was written and sung by the American country blues artist Big Bill Broonzy in the 1930s to record how racial prejudice made it difficult for black people to get jobs in the deep

The opening verse runs: This little-song that I'm singin about People, you all know that it's true! If you're. black and gotta work for liviny Now, this is what they will say to you. They says: 'If you was white' You's alright' If you was brown. Stick around But if you's black, oh. brother./ Get back, get back,

get back." Ms Ramsay said that, be-



Elliott Stephens: tried to

cause the chorus is repeated five times, the children knew it off by heart and chanted it to her son in the playground. She said her son, as the only fully Afro-Caribbean child in the school, told her that everyone turned to stare at him when

the song was sung.

Ms Ramsey said. He started to say he hated being black and that he wanted to be white. He took knives from the kinchen and said he wanted to kill himself. Once I found him scratching at his skin with a nailbrush to try to make himself white.

George Purcell, the head teacher, said the song had now been withdrawn.

### Missing mother murdered. police say

BY PAUL WILKINSON

POLICE searching for a missing mother said yesterday that they believe she has been murdered. Marsha Wray, 38, vanished two years ago this week after dropping her children Phillips and Robert at prima-

ry school. Yesterday her younger sis-ter, Belinda Maddison, appealed for help in recovering her body so the family could take a proper farewell. She said: "Somebody somewhere knows what happened to Marsha. It is time they came forward. Not only do I need to know but also for the sake of Phillips and Robert."

Mrs Wray's husband, Colin, 50, has admitted that their relationship was strained and that he was the prime suspect but he has denied any involvement in her disappearance. He claimed she told him she needed some time to herself and suggested she had left to start a new life.

Last May police raided their home in Harrogate. North Yorkshire, and a man was de-tained but later released without charge. Detective Inspec-tor Javad Ali said that if Mrs Wray had died accidentally they should have found her body by now.

## Druids take spell on duty

DRUIDS are liaising with council officers in Cornwall to protect ancient religious sites from damage when an estimated 15 million people descend on the county for the summer's eclipse. More than 100 stone circles, standing stories and chambered tombs are expected to became a focus for new age mystics and tour-ists when the sun is blacked out on August II. Steve Hantgroves, the county council's principal archeologist, said: "Pagans feel, as we do, a

certain ownership and love for these sites." A new Cornish Sacred Sites Protection Network includes representatives from the National Trust, English Heritage, the Pagan Federation and the Order of Bards, Ovates and Druids. It has produced a code of conduct for visitors.

Ed Prynn, Arch Druid of the St Merryn Druids, which claims 4,000 members, said: "Anyone who has ever interfered with the stones has finished up dead in strange circumstances."

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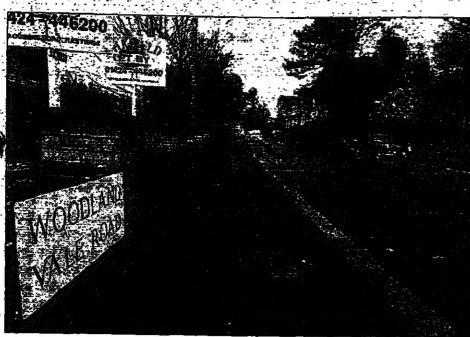
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## Why weren't we told girls were missing?'







The girls should have walked just 500 yards down Woodland Vale Road to Christ Church Primary School in St Leonards. The 450 pupils said prayers for their safety yesterday as more police and soldiers were drafted in to the search

THE parents of two ten-year-old girls missing from home demand-ed to know yesterday why they had not been told immediately by the school that they had not arrived for

Charlene Lunnon's father, Keith. and stepmother, Philomena, and Lisa Hoodless's parents, Andy and Julie, said the school in East Sussex should have contacted them, especially after it issued a warning over the Christmas holidays about a man seen loitering near the build-

But Christ Church Primary School in St Leonards was backed by the local education authority over its decision not to alert them on the ground that the two pupils

"normal illness". As the parents prepared to spend third night without news, Mrs Hoodless said of her daughter: "She is a very emotional child and she would be scared and very frightened, cold and hungry. If anybody has any information could they please come forward."

Mr Lunnon said of Charlene "It is totally out of character. They have never not come home before 3.45pm. 1 cannot understand how this has happened."

The two girls had been walking

ed to be "responsible". Lisa left home first to call for Charlene. The route passes no major roads or wooded areas. Residents have been asked to search sheds and garages.

State schools will be given new government advice today which could have saved crucial hours in the search for the girls. Estelle Mor-ris, the School Standards Minister, is expected to tell head teachers that they should contact parents on the first day that a child is absent. At present the usual practice is to wait until the second day.

Christ Church School followed the current guidelines, issued five years ago, which put the onus on parents to inform schools of the reasons for a child's absence. A council spokeswoman said the school contacted parents immediately only if the absentees were regular truants.

Parents say they should have been alerted at once when girls failed to arrive at school, reports John O'Leary

same practice, assuming that a child is ill unless there is reason to suspect truancy. Parents are contacted if there is no explanation for a prolonged absence.

The new guidelines are part of the Government's drive to cut truancy. They are expected to say: "On the first day of absence, if a pupil is absent without explanation when the school register is called, school staff should - wherever possible -

At the school yesterday the 450 pupils said prayers for Charlene and Lisa. Parents have fied a yellow ribbon to the main gate to express their sympathy with the girls'

In the staffroom and head teacher's study at the Church of England school there is growing anxiety and resentment at any suggestion that the school has been remiss. Anne Hanney, the head, and Father Richard Harper, chairman of governors, said the school, which was founded in the late Victorian era. had followed the guidance of local education authority in dealing with

the absences. Since alerting parents of a possible snooper - a man seen in a white van near the school - the school has continued to operate a policy in which it takes no immediate action over absence unless the pupil has a poor anendance record. The school, which has a good local reputation, is supported by the local education authority. A spokeswoman for the county council said:

but normal illness. "While individual policies vary. our guidance suggests schools encourage parents to contact schools on the first day their child is absent.

There was nothing to suggest the

girls' absence was due to anything

If parents don't do that, schools are advised to contact parents that first day only where it is appropriate. These two girls cenainly did not have a poor record of attendance. The school followed normal proce-

David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said the link with the search for the two girls should not silence debate on the merits of the Government's revised guidelines, "Having to follow up all absences on the first day is going to impose a severe burden on many

Mr Hart said: "Parents often do not notify schools as soon as children are ill, so there is no reason to think that anything is amiss."

## Police fear for frightened pair

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE 200 police drafted into house inquiries, notably along Hastings from all over Sussex the girls route to school. Help-Hastings from all over Sussex in the search for the two girls are led by the officer who headed the inquiry into the murder - rnager Billie Io רו מי הי ועוני

Jenkins in u. n 1997.

Detective Supermandent Jeremy Paine has a team seasoned in policing the decaying Cinque Port, where there are many down and ours and peo-ple on benefits living in bedsits. A specialist team of officers who have studied the behaviour of runaway children is also on hand. Mr Paine said it was rare for two children to disappear on their own.

"If you have a single child disappearing, it gets more and more likely there has been a tragedy - but two we don't have a precedent for. They must be very frightened."

ed by the Princess of Wales Regiment, they spread the search to rural areas yesterday; back-ed by helicopters and dog teams. Haunts suggested by schoolfriends have been searched, as have derelict buildings, sheds, garages, factories and hedges and ditches, more than once. The town is full of post-ers appearing for information. People, Taken been asked to

... But Mr Paine says his "gut feeling" is that the pair have left the area, possibly for an adventure to London.

Police have checked the

movements of registered pacdophiles and accept that the longer the girls are missing the more likely it is that an

### Lisa had 'a minor problem at home'

Hoodless was worried about some aspect of her home life", but they made it clear that it was a minor problem and did not explain why she should have run away (Michael Horsnell writes). Lisa, 10, lives with her fa-

ther, Andy, 37, a council gar-dener, and her mother. Julie, 35, together with her brother, James, 12, and sisters Christine, 7, and Georgina, 12 months, in a semi-detached home in De Cham Road. lastings. There was no sign that she had made any preparations to run away or that she took any money with her.

She and Charlene became friends when Charlene moved into a house in the next road, only 400 yards from Christ Church school — a journey they made together each



were always accompanied on Lisa, who is said to be a sensible, responsible girl, is a fan of the Spice Girls. Police hope that her distinctive orange jacket bearing the words. Spice Fever, and her pink. Spice Girls hag, will lead to be identification.

Grieving may have

## prompted journey

traumatised by the death of her mother, Sandra, after an asthma attack in February 1997 and her disappearance may be connected to her grief (Michael Horspell writes). Charlene, who lived with her mother after her parents separated, does not like to be

on her own and is afraid of the dark. After going to live with her father, Keith, and his new wife last April, she took comfort from visits to the crematorium in Ruislip. West London.

where her mother's ashes are interred. Police believe that she may have become upset because of the approaching second anniversary of her mother's death and may have decided to visit the crematorium with Lisa Hoodless

Mr Lunnon, a drugs and al-cohol counsellor, said: "Last



year I took her to where the ashes are and she was upset because she loved her mother very much-Charlene knew that if she wanted to go there we could, but she didn't ask me." MUST END 3RD FEB

The girl has three older sisters. She is devoted to her hamster, which she received for her birthday last month.



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## Friends fall out as they suffer for their art

TEMPERS were frayed and voices raised in the elegant surroundings of Burlington House yesterday as hundreds of Friends of the Royal Academy were forced to queue for a preview of the record-breakng Monet exhibition.

This is no way to treat your Friends, was the message from disgruntled visitors in the queue, which was four or five deep in places and snaked for hundreds of metres from the gallery off Piccadilly, Many art-lovers had travelled for hours and wearily had to endure a wait of about two hours.

'Tell the Academy that the Friends are annoyed ... They have cocked it up," said Keith Traynar, a retired head teacher, who had set off from Northamptonshire at 5.45am.

There was even an outbreak w for Friends and guests on

Royal Academy resembles first day of sales as

Monet attracts thousands, writes

Dalya Alberge

rity had his hand trapped in a door by visitors trying to enter as he fought to close the door at the end of the busy day. The exhibition opens to the

public tomorrow and has attracted a record number of advance bookings. More than 150,000 tickets have already been sold for the 12-week run. They are timed to limit entry to 800 an hour, to prevent con-

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gestion. But no such system

They pay an annual £40 subscription for priority access to exhibitions and lectures. The Academy's problem was that it has rather a lot of Friends -

of people are older and can't stand around," said Maureen Barnes, who had travelled for five hours from Cornwall. They should have anticipated this and thought through the

Monet in the 20th Century, 1,000 tickets will be available on the door each day as well as the timed pre-booked tickets. But Friends considered yesterday's queues a bad omen.

was in place for the preview

more than 70,000.
"They should have timed Friends' tickets," Sally Fisher. an artist from Muswell Hill. northwest London, said. "A lot

system for the Friends."

After the official opening of they come," another said. Lowis Bacall, from Ohio, described the wait as "tiring and

Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordsands after the thousand," shire, who wished to remain Derek Waters, a retired head anonymous said: "It's difficult teacher from Woolwich, southto believe how we could have run an empire when we can't get timed tickets." east London, said. "I dread to think what it will be like when

The Royal Academy of Arts, by contrast, appeared delighted by the size of the

the RA, said that timed tickets for the previews would not have worked because there were so many Friends and guests to cram into a few days. Mr Gordon said that Friends could book a free timed ticket after the official opening.

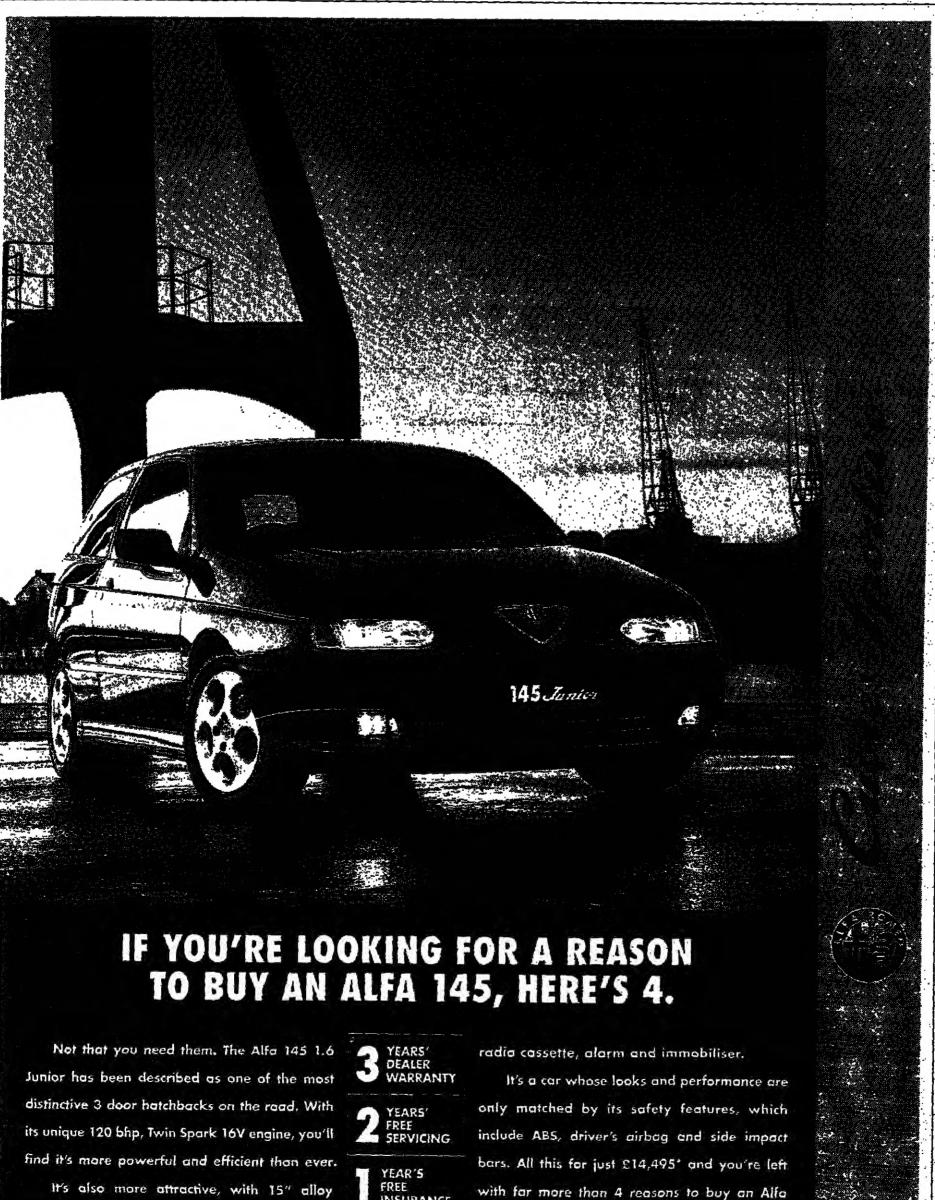
Some visitors yesterday were relaxed, prepared to suffer for their art, especially as the weather was dement Georgina Hovey, from Sussex, said: "This is very British. I don't mind it. I might if it

were raining," Others had ar-rived mentally prepared. Ivor Barnett, from Buckinghamshire, said: "I'm not entirely surprised." Once inside.

tors. It was not only the relief of getting to the paintings but that the crowds around them were not thick - "just the odd congestion", one woman said.

Well worth it," was the verdict of Pierre Richterich, a retired textile exporter who had



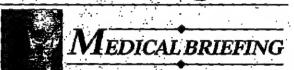


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The list is not a generous mentioned are the least tikely to benefit from Viagra. Many. probably most, of the patients in his list will try it, find it is powerless, will not return for a repeat prescription and the NHS budget will be left without serious damage.

For Viagra to work there must, of course, be normal sexual desire, but the penis still needs the appropriate nerve supply and an adequate blood supply and, in the Dobson list of diseases, the nerve supply and/or the arterial supply is often severely compromised. The choice of diseases suggests that accountants rather than doctors selected those eligible for Viagra on the state.

After a radical prostatectomy, at least 50 per cent of patients, lacking the necessary nerves, would be left totally massisted by Viagra. An Italian study suggests that postprostatectomy impotence might be as high as 90 per cent. It could be that the Italians have different criteria of crecile dysfunction, but in this operation it is not always possible to preserve the nerve supply and without it Viagra-will not help.

Some patients are so ob-sessed by the macho quality of potency and so dread the possibility of being deprived of penetrative sex that they would prefer to opt for an earlier death and turn down lifesaving surgery or radiotherapy rather than voluntarily sacrifice sexuchoice which faces an older age group, but occasionally vounger men are confronted by the same choice. To them the deprivation would not only limit sexual activities but make paternity traught with difficulty, and dependent on a sur-

eon rather than romance. Tilose who reject lifesaving surgery, to preserve potency should remember that when a progressive disease reaches a certain stage, the general deterioration in condition also results in impetence. Potency is not likely to be useful on the deathbed and there is no sex in the graveyard. I am grateful I am still alive, albeit without some important nerves. but there are other pleasures that make life worth living.

The nature of spinal cord injury will determine if Viagra would be useful. The potency of multiple sclerosis patients will depend where the demyelination in the nervoul system has occurred. Some diabetics will be helped, others will not. Patients should remember that other forms of treatment for impotence - intra-urethral pellets, penile injections and suction apparatus

- are already on the NHS. The term "severe stress" de pends on the interpretation of the doctor. It seems likely that this will be the way in for Viagra treatment for those who really should be eligible, such as the young middle-aged man whose marriage is failing be-cause of erectile dysfunction possibly caused by a lesser physical disability coupled with psychological tensions.

However, highly trained psychiatrists might be better employed detecting early schizophrenia than discussing erectile problems.

DR THOMAS

### NHS counts the cost of 'lifestyle'

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

the so-called "lifestyle drugs" that the Treasury fears could wreck the Health Department budget if they are made widely available on the NHS.

The drugs treat conditions that are widely regarded as psychological, or as physical problems that sufferers ought to be able to control or deal with without the help of the health service.

Other such drugs might in-clude Prozac, which has been a prescribable drug for depression for ten years; Xenical, for obesity: Seroxat, for shyness: and Propecia, which has been approved in the United States but has yet to be licensed here.

What worried the Treasury was the estimate, at the annual meeting of the British Medi-

VIAGRA is the best known of cal Association last year, that Viagra could cost the health service El billion a year. Theestimate was based on the premise that all two million sufferers of erectile dystlinetion would ask for a prescription of two pills a week.

Pfizer, the manufacturer which sells the pills to the NHS for £4.84 each, believes that the cost would be no more than E50 million a year because only one impotent man in ten seeks treatment, and around 20 per cent of those who do cannot be given the drug for other medical reasons. However, even that estimate is too high for the Health Department, which wants to limit the cost to the NHS of treating erecule dysfunction to the present level of between £10 million to £12 million.

an investigation into airport selegedly took place at Heath-

Tow.

The inquiry, which was announced yesterday by John Reid, the Transport Minister. came after an undercover reporter gained a security pass to work for Skyliner Services, one of the main cleaning firms at Heathrow.

The reporter, who was working for The Sun, claimed that the had secured a pass despite supplying the company with a string of bogus references. Skyliner employed him three weeks later and he was given unsupervised access to the kitchen and bar areas of six aircraft. The company declined to

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craft. The company declined to comment yesterday.

As result of this alleged security breach, Dr Reid has ordered BAA, the airports authority, to withdraw security passes from all Skyliner Services' temporary staff.

Dr Reid said that no new temporary passes would be issued "until such time as we are satisfied necessary and appropriate checks have been carried out to ensure that each individual is a suitable person to be employed at the airport".

Dr Reid also asked his offi-Dr Reid also asked his offi-

governing the issue of all em-ployee passes at UK airports. Although the minister stopped short of revoking Sky-

range of punitive measures" that might be taken if the company were found to be negligent in its security procedures. its reporter was left alone on six aircraft and was able to

yards from the cockpit. Dr Reid said yesterday that, so far, all he had were allegations, but "the prima facie re-port is sufficiently serious for all of us, public and ministers, to be concerned". He said he thought that between ten and 20 temporary staff were em-

take a photograph of himself

ployed by the firm.

The Sun carried the report on Wednesday, ien years after the paper exposed security fallures at the airport in the wake of the Lockerbie bombing.

The fact that there's ten years in between should in no way diminish the serious-ness," Dr Reid said, "It only takes one breach of security to undermine all of the efforts which BAA in particular, and our officials and inspectors and security specialists, have been making."



Valerie Marshall will lead a £720,000 quest for a naturally creamy yoghurt

#### Yoghurt scientists win pot of EU cash

By PAUL WILKINSON

A RESEARCH team has won a £720,000 grant from Brussels for a three-year project on

making yoghurt creamy. The European Commission is helping scientists from the dairy industry to develop a natural thickening process, avoiding the need for artificial additives and gelatine.

The team drawn from across Europe, is led by Valerie Marshall, a microbial biochemist at Huddersfield University. She said that improving yoghurt consistency had long been a challenge for manufacturers. "We want to develop a yoghurt to get that creamy feel naturally by harnessing its natural organisms. This way is cheaper, because you're using a process that is

The team was one of only 50 to win grants out of 500 applicants working on food or agriculture projects. Professor Marshall said: "I don't think it's an awful lot of money because it's shared between seven partners. That works out at about £30.000 a year to each."



### cials to carry out "an urgent re-Stone inquiry to look at health law

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

cted last October of the Acter ass printers of Lin and Megan Rus-sell, is also to report on the adelaw, it emerged yesterday.

West Kent Health Authority, which was responsible for Stone's care at the time of the killings in July 1996, said that it was keen to establish whether the case should prompt the Government to consider changing the law governing the compulsory detention of people with mental health

Although he was known to have a criminal record and to be prone to violent outbursts, ar the Mental Health Act

THE independent inquiry into against his will because he the care of Michael Stone, con-had been found to be suffering from a personality disorder deemed to be untreatable.

The case raised intense de-pate rations what should be done to protect the public from people with personality disorders who may be a threat to others, but who have not committed a crime and cannot therefore be detained.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, attracted criticism from psychiatrists after he accused them of using out-of-date working practices. He said it was "extraordinary" that they would take on only those patients they regarded as treatable.

The panel, chaired by Rob-Stone could not be detained un- ert Francis, QC, is expected to report by the end of the year.

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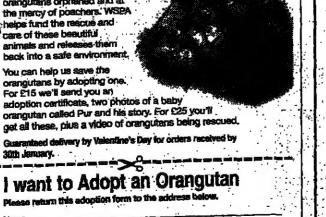


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## Blair says we need more do-gooders

A DIRECTORY providing details of voluntary organisations is to be sent to every household in Britain as part of a drive to promote charity as figures disclosed that individual giving had dropped by near-

ly a third over five years. The directory, which will set out opportunities for voluntary work, is one of the initiatives announced by the Prime Minister yesterday to increase support for charities. Addressing the National Council of Voluntary Organisations conference, Tony Blair urged Britons to mark the millennium with an "explosion in giving" and for the term "do-gooder" no

longer to carry a sneering tone. Mr Blair said: "Let those of us who believe in the power of community reclaim the idea of doing good and wear it as a badge of pride. It is good to do ties and organisations and neighbourhoods in which the good is being done, but good for the do-gooder as well." His comments build on his call at the 1997 Labour Party confer-

ence for a "giving age". Yesterday he also announc-

force, the Active Community Unit, to co-ordinate and promote voluntary work across the country, and two new schemes that will encourage people to give time to charity.

The measures coincided

with the publication by the National Council of Voluntary Organisations of figures showing that donations to charity have fallen by 31 per cent in the past from the National Centre for Volunteers showed a decline in the number of people giving their time. The biggest drop was among young people. Seven years ago 55 per cent of 18 to 24 year-olds said they had volunteed in the rest year. The unteered in the past year. The

figure is now 43 per cent.
Stuart Etherington, chief executive of the NCVO, welcomed the initiatives, but called for tax breaks to encourage the rich to donate, and for charines to be exempt from VAT. "If it is a priority for govern-ment to give support to the sector, we need to see mechanisms that will help generate income and individual giving." Mr Blair also launched the Millennium Awards Fellow-

ship programme yesterday:

grants of an average of £2,000. by the end of next year to undertake community and charity projects. The £200 million programme is funded by the Millennium Commission, and an endowment fund will make the scheme permanent. Millennium Fellows will re-

ceive a certificate of achieve-ment, the first of which were presented by Mr Blair yesterday. These are intended to increase the esteem in which volunteers are held by society. The idea has been copied from America, where a period of voluntary service is virtually obigatory on the strongest CVs.

David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, announced de-tails yesterday of the Millennium Volunteers programme, which will use £48 million of public money to provide thousands of 16 to 24-year with op-portunities for voluntary work. The scheme had been intended as a kind of civil "national service" taking in hundreds of thousands of people, but has problems with long-term fund-



The Very Rev Michael Higgins, Dean of Ely, on the newly repaired cathedral roof

## Cathedrals face funding cut for repair delays

carry out grant-aided repairs

Heritage, said yesterday.
His warning was directed at the authorities of about a. dozen cathedrals that have failed to complete work on

time and to budget.

The organisation is offering the cathedrals — which he did not name — a further £9 million for repairs over the next three years. But under the terms of the scheme the work must be carried out within the appropriate financial year. Money cannot be carried over. Sir Jocelyn said: "Those who fall behind can expect to.

Sir Jocelyn had travelled to Ely, Cambridgeshire, to announce the funding. Just over £3 million is to be shared between 29 buildings for repairs in the next 12 months. The Cathedral Grant Scheme has paid out almost £30 million since it began in 1991.

Sir Jocelyn said Ely had set a wonderful example in its grant management. He went up on the roof to inspect nine years of repair work and admire a view stretching more than 20 miles over the flat East Anglian landscape.

CATHEDRALS that fail to He said that management of the project was a tribute to the Very Rev Michael Higg promptly are putting future promptly are putting future funding at risk. Sir Jocelyn the Dean, and his predecessor, the Very Rev Bill Patter-

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The 11th-century cathedral, known as the Ship of the Fens because of its dominance of the surrounding countryside, will get another £416,000. The to the north choir aisle and fund the first part of a twoyear project for work on the Galilee Porch.

Richard Halsey, head of the cathedral's restoration project and director of English Heritage in the Eastern Counties, said of the behind-schedule cathedrals: "Some have fallen behind for quite legitimate

Salisbury Cathedral his been offered the largest gram, of £503,000, to continue work on the masonry of the west front and repairs to the medieval glazing and the southeast

Other large grants have gone to Lincoln Cathedral for repairs to masonry and glaz-ing of the Dean's Eye window and roof and stonework in the (£364,000), and Worcester Caand roofs (£360,000).

## City lawyers give up their time to help pupils with reading

Hannah Betts on a project that is

benefiting from free books scheme

A SCHOOL named after the bond is forged between two father of genetic engineering has come up with a cross-fertilisation strategy of its own to boost its involvement in The Times Free Books for Schools

Thomas Fairchild School. and Linklaters, a leading City law firm, joined forces in September to form an in-school reading programme and are now directing their combined energies to collecting tokens

Every week 40 Linklaters lawyers and support staff devote one of their lunch breaks to teaching reading at the school. The project was massively oversubscribed, with almost 200 staff applying to help. The pairings are the

very different worlds.

The primary school is located in an economically de-prived area and, for a large proportion of the children. English is their second lan-

of our top priorities, but it's also been a real cultural exchange. We're less than five minutes away from the City; but some of our children have never been there. It's an intro-

The reading partners become firm friends. Gary McKinzie-Smith, a trainee solicitor, reads with eight-year-old Baboucar Jeng, known as Babs. Mr McKinzie-Smith said: "The relationship is a unique one for me: he's eight



joyed meeting someone from a different walk in life." Mr McKinzie-Smith says that Babs can be cheeky and enjoys the kudos that the scheme brings him with other

Since the project started. reading has become the fashionable lunchtime activity at Thomas Fairchild, with pupils lining up to meet the Lin-

laters for lunchtime readers. Lately, children and lawyers alike have become avid collectors of the Free Books for Schools tokens printed in for Schools tokens printed in The Times and on packets of Walkers crisps. "Our token collecting's going really well. Babs enjoys crisps and I al-ways read The Times." Mr

☐ Does your school or business have a story to tell about its participation in The Times Free Books for Schools Scheme? If so, please call on weekdays and leave details on 0171-895 9018. At the end of the scheme, The Times will publish a Free Books for Schools honours list in which successful schools and businesses will be commended for the number of tokens they collect-ed and for the original ways in which they did so. Tele-phone your nominations now.

#### Bible class finds room at the inn

BY SUE LAPPEMAN

A SUNDAY school class is to meet in a pub after having to leave the vicarage.

Children from St Peter and St Paul's Church in Shoreham, Kent, will have their lessons next to gaming machines and a pool table in the back room of the George Inn at

The class, now with 20 pupils, had been meeting in moms at the former vicarage for the past 13 years but the family that lived there has decided to rent out the rooms. The Rev Barry Simmons found the most convenient ven-

ue for the school at the pub across the road. Mick Finnis, the landlord, said: The room at the back of the pub is not connected to the main bar". Mr Simmons said: We shall be there only from 10.30 to 11.30 on Sunday mornings so there won't be any of

## Oxford college suspends its anti-fees protester

AN OXFORD college yesterday suspended one of the five students at the centre of the tuition fees protest because it fears that she is jeopardising her education. The action follows the university's decision to ban the protesters from its premises, including the Examination

Schools and all libraries. Laura Paskell-Brown, the only protester at St Hilda's College, has not been permanent-ly expelled and can be reinstated as soon as she pays the

Elizabeth Llewellyn-Smith, the Principal of St Hilda's, carry on with a situation in which one of our students was nominally on a degree course, but not able to carry out the iob she was here to do. It was a half-baked situation. It's not a punitive action - we're not doing our duty by a student if she

Miss Llewellyn-Smith add-

ed that she and the whole of the Senior Common Room would be extremely sorry if Ms Paskell-Brown decided not

to reconsider her position. The suspension will come into force on Monday, after Ms Paskell-Brown has had an opportunity to appeal. Under the ruling, she will be banned from all college buildings.

Ms Paskell-Brown, 18, said

the move would lorce her to ing against the Government's have been absolutely hellish. and in many ways I'm just glad ples into the ground, but I'm being backed into a corner now and I don't think I can go on. But the campaign against fees is by no means over — we will continue our fight indefinitely."

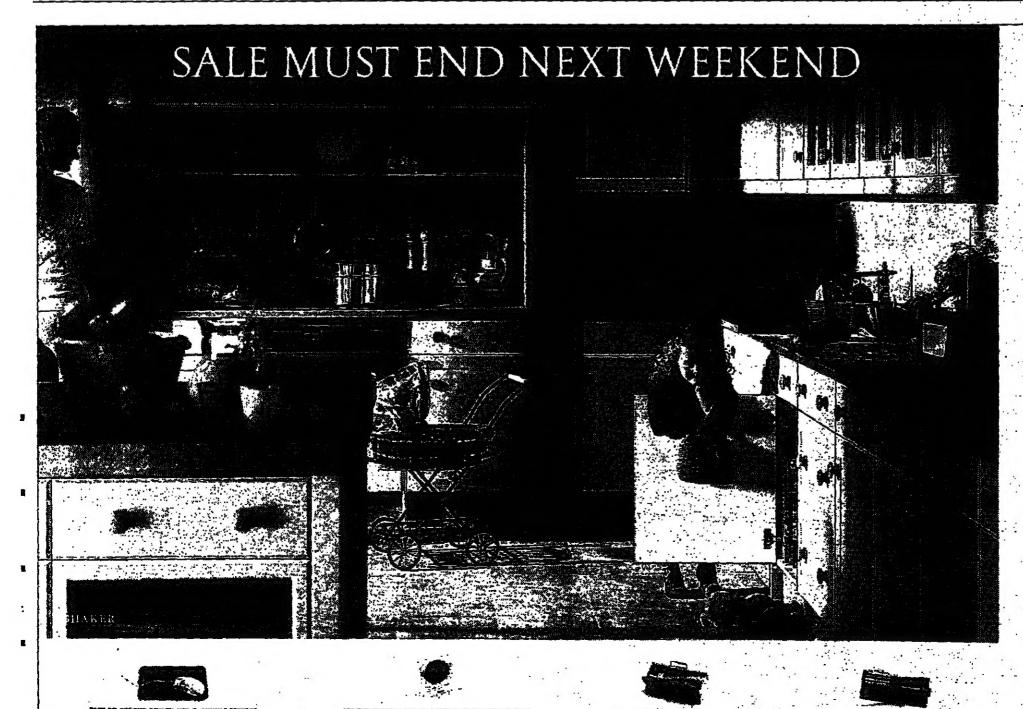
At Somerville, four protesters are waiting to hear their fate after a meeting of the college's governing body. Dame Fiona Caldicott, Principal of the college, said yesterday that she wanted to speak to each student before announcing the college's decision.

Yesterday the colleges issued a statement. "The university. Somerville and St Hilda's Colleges are prepared to take action in response to the nonpayment of tuition fees by a small number of students.

We regret that the protein which these students are man changes to the funding of higher education has put them in this position. However, we must consider the conse quence of their actions for their studies and the implication of their non-payment for other members of the university. We hope this matter will be

resolved as soon as possible. Today 2,000 students from around the country will take part in Oxford's biggest demonstration for nine years.

John O'Leary, page 41



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## Pinochet ir delay 'can only the project was a managed by Rev. Michael k. Second and he Rev. Mi be tried in Spain'

EXTRADITION to Spain is the only way to bring General Pinochet to justice because Chile is unlikely to put him on trial, Amnesty International told the law lords yesterday. Ian Brownlie, QC, for Am-

nesty International, said: "It appears to be extremely unlikely that justice will be done in Chile and, given the obvious absence of any jurisdiction of an international criminal tribunal, then all that is left are

extradition proceedings."

Addressing the new hearing to decide the general's fate. Professor Brownlie stated that, if extradition was denied, the former dictator "would have the benefit of a wall of impunity". He also argued that interna-tional conventions on torture and hostage taking adopted into British law were sufficient to deny General Pinochet the immunity for a head of state

Sections of the State Immunity Act 1978, which might be deemed to afford him immunity, did not do so, he said. The State Immunity Act does not apply to criminal proceedings. In any case, you cannot have

over acts which constitute crimes in international law." Professor Brownlie made no mention of the fact that it was

Lord Hoffmann's failure to disclose his close links with Amnesty international that had caused the law lords to set aside their initial decision denying immunity to General Amnesty was once again granted permission to address:

tion's counsel is also representing two other human rights groups as well as the families of two British victims of the Earlier the law lords were told that tortures alleged to have been carried out under

the hearing, and the organisa-

the orders of the general had long been recognised as crimes under international law. Christopher Greenwood, for the Crown Prosecution Service, on behalf of Spain, argued that there was a clear international consensus about torture. He said: "We are not dealing with an area of international law on which reasonable states differ.



Lucia Pinochet, wife of the former dictator, greeting supporters outside his home in Surrey. She thanked them for their efforts on his behalf

We are dealing with conduct which for 60 years has been unequivocally deemed to be unlawful, a crime under international law."

Professor Greenwood went on to say that the allegations against General Pinochet were not purely an internal matter for Chile. Torture falls into the category of acts which have become a matter of con-

community, wherever they take place." He argued that it was clear that individual countries had jurisdiction to try allegations of torture, pointing out that the proposed international criminal court was not yet operating, and that tribunals to try alleged crimes in troubled areas such as Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia were still rare. There is only one way in which criminal re-

sponsibility can be brought home - that's by prosecution

in a national court."

On Wednesday Professor

Greenwood cited the international Convention against Torture 1984, incorporated into English law in 1988, as the basis for his argument that there is worldwide jurisdiction for prosecuting torture allega-tions, and that former heads of state have no immunity. He

BY NICK NUTTALL

THE mystery of how the ele-

phant developed its trunk, the

deer its antiers and the giraffe

its neck may have been solved

tiny genetic trick, common to all animals, can lead to a bewil-dering array of shapes and forms, from extravagant furs

and elaborate shells to the col-

It was previously thought

that animals would have need-

ours of butterflies' wings.

Researchers believe that a

also pointed to a long history of judicial decisions which, he argued, demonstrated those principles, including the agreements that established the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, a 1954 report of the Interand the statute of the proposed international criminal court. More than a hundred of

Recycling clue to evolution

ed to evolve new genes, but findings by a team at the Uni-versity of Madison-Wisconsin

indicate that nature simply re-

orders genetic circuits in new

ways. Their conclusions, in the

journal Science, come from a study of wing-making genes in fruit flies and two different spe-cies of butterfly from North

They traced the genetic cir-

cuitry that governs wing devel-

opment and colour, and found

that genes had been recycled to

America and East Africa.

General Pinochet's supporters

he is living under the condi-tions of his bail and were addressed by his wife, Lucia. Through a loudspeaker she thanked them for coming all the way to Britain to "express personally your belief in the values of freedom and dignity that inspire Chileans". The lords' hearing continues

zymes or biological catalysts. David Keys, a member of the team, said: "Evolution is

working by integrating sets of things it already has. You are

using a circuit over and over again." Sean Carrol, a molecu-

lar biologist and the team's

leader, said that the genes

used to make spots on butter-

fly wings were the same as the

ones used to develop limbs in

animals. The difference was

the way in which parts of the

gene were switched on.

worth estate in Surrey where

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF** Thief seen on TV

A thief who was spotted by his victim six years later on a television show was jailed for two years yesterday.

is jailed

John Parsons had stolen jewellery and antiques worth £60,000 after offering to help Pamela McMahon, an American businesswoman, to move house in London. She spotted him when he appeared on This Morning as a gay rights campaigner and rang the po-lice. Parsons, 44, of Manchester, was found guilty of theft

PC found guilty

A police officer was found guilty of indecently assaulting two women. Barry Richard-son, 39, of King's Lynn, was given conditional bail by Norwich Crown Court. Sentence was adjourned until Feb-ruary 12.

#### Retrial ordered

A police photographer was cleared at Preston Crown Court of indecently assaulting two women. Peter Sayward. 43, of Lytham, Lancashire, faces a retrial on a similar charge of taking a full-frontal picture of a female assault victim.

#### Royal eviction

The Prince of Wales has joined West Country landowners in legal moves to evict travellers from Duchy of Cornwall property. About 20 cara-vans and 30 vehicles have been parked near Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset, since October.

#### Lights out

The beacon at Beachy Head, ... which has warned shipping for 171 years, has gone out af-ter the recent cliff fall damaged the mains cable. A fog-horn has also been cut off. The lighthouse is operating on an emergency lamp.

#### Trout break out

Trout swam through gardens and along the roads of an estate in Cwmaman, South Wales, after a trout farm flooded in heavy rain and a run-off culvert became blocked. Many of the fish were eventually washed into a river.

### Judge discharges juror for using mobile phone

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL-CORRESPONDENT

A JUROR was discharged by trial, told the remaining 11 a judge yesterday after he learnt that she had taken a mobile telephone call while delib-

The young mother was overheard by an usher making babyting arrangements with her mother from the renting room, where she was trying to reach a verdict on a case-involving three men and a woman accused of physical abuse of mentally handicapped

adults at a home. The jury had already been out for 3% hours on Wednesday afternoon when the usher went into their room at Exeter Crown Court to tell them that they could be sent home for the night. By law, a jury should be isolated during their deliberations "in a private and

convenient place" Judge Graham Neville, discharging the juror, who had sat through eight days of the

members of the panel that mobile telephones were an increasing problem for the courts. Thave discharged the lady juror with the mobile phone," he said. "We do not know what to do about mobile

use them in court, but they are everywhere now and we canthem that is their property. just ask them not to use it. "I am sure the juror did not do anything improper, but we have to be on the safe side." A spokesman for the Lord Chancellor's Department said that courts routinely had signs

phones. People are told not to

or, in some cases, handed in. In March last year, a judge ordered a court reporter to be taken to the cells when his mobile telephone went off in the middle of a trial. In November

dered out of court in South Africa, where he was covering the Earl Spencer divorce case, after his mobile telephone

In yesterday's case, the judge asked the remaining jurors to continue their consideration of the trial involving rington, Devon

Donald Lee, 48, denies seven counts of ill-treating one fe-male and three male patients in his guardianship. Diane Baxter, 51, denies two counts of ill-treating two female pa-tients. David Tudor-Poole, 30, denies six counts of ill-treating up saying that mobile telefour female and two male paphones should be switched off tients. Ivan Rowlands, 52, denies ill-treating one female

The charges followed a joint investigation by police and Devon social services after complaints by relatives.

### Warning | over gene weapon for ethnic cleansing

BY IAN MURRAY

WEAPONS capable of ethnic cleansing could become a real ity within ten years, with the information needed to make them being available on the internet, the British Medical Association said yesterday.

Current research aimed at developing drugs to cure serions diseases such as cancer would make it possible to create a "delivery system" for bio-logical weapons able to target specific groups of people with a killer virus, said Sir William Asscher, chairman of the BMA's board of science. "Science which is being used for benign purposes can be put to malign use."

Vivienne Nathanson, head of ethics at the BMA, said that, as knowledge of human genetic make up increased, it would be possible to target very specific groups. Height, skin and eye colour were all factors that could be identified and a biological weapon could then be created to harm only people with those genes. Work on the Human Ge-

nome Project, which aims to identify all human genes and map them by 2005, will make it possible to be very specific about what genes make up each individual. It is also now scientifically agreed that "rac es" do not exist certain groups merely have higher concentrations of some genes.

Diseases such as cancer are caused by genes that have an abnormal structure. Genetic therapies are being developed that enable drugs to be de signed so that they only attack the unhealthy genes. In the treatment a gene is introduced that recognises the unhealthy cells, triggering the release of a virus or poison that destroys the cancer. Healthy cells are left untouched.

The genetic weapon would work in an identical way, recognising victims by their genetic make up and then releasing a virus that killed them. Dr Nathanson said the information would be available on the Internet and the drugs could be made in small laboratories. Terrorists as well as states could use the technology. ☐ Biotechnology, Weapons and Humanity, BMJ Book-shop, Tavistock Square, Lon-don WCIH 9JP, £14

#### CORRECTION

Jack Straw asks us to make clear that he obtained permission for his daughter Charlotte to be away from school on a family holiday (Diary, January 5). Charlotte has passed the age when she is required to attend school compulsorily.



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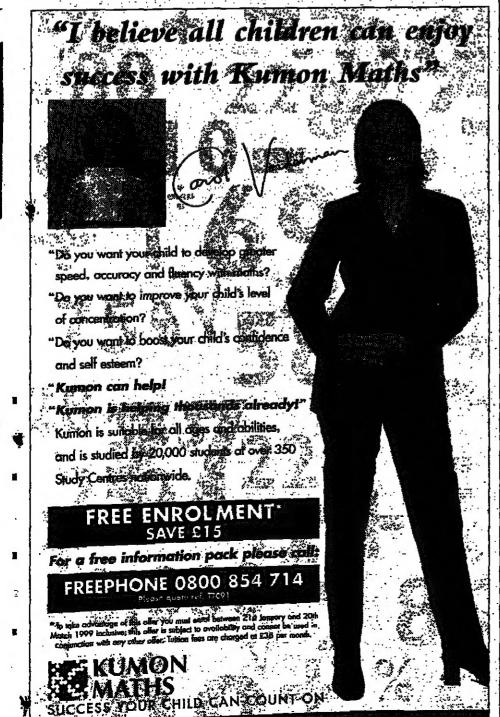


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## Harvey 'jumps gun' on Lib Dem rivals

MP accused of ignoring order not to campaign for party leadership until June, reports Jill Sherman

THE campaign for the leader-ship of the Liberal Democrats began in acrimony yesterday when Nick Harvey, one of the leading contenders, was ac-cused of jumping the starting-

All MPs were told by the Chief Whip on Wednesday, af-ter Paddy Ashdown ar-nounced he was standing down, that they could not de-clare as candidates until after the European elections in ear-

But, late on Wednesday night, "friends" of Nick Har-vey, the little known cam-paigns chief, started talking up his chances and by yesterday it was clear that an unofficial "shadow" campaign team

was up and running.
Mr Harvey appeared on Radio 4's *Today* programme and his friends continued to extol his virtues, insisting that as the least known candidate he needed to raise his profile.

There is no doubt that Nick Harvey is a serious contender." one said. "He has to make it clear that he has the credentials to be leader when he gets

ry on with Paddy Ashdown's policies, continue links with Labour and emphasised, in what was seen as a clear repositioning, that he would accept joining the euro if the economcircumstances were right. Mr Harvey was the only Liberal Democrat MP to vote against the Maastricht treaty.

Allies of some of the leading candidates argued that the rule against declaring should be dropped as it was almost impossible not to start campaigning. There were also some grumbles in Scotland against a protracted leader-ship campaign, with calls for an election before May to stop accusations of a large-duck leader during the Scottish par-

Menzies Campbell, the party's foreign affairs spokesman, appeared to pay lip-service to the rules by appearing on television and radio yesterday. There had been reports that Mr Campbell, 57, seen as the elder statesman, might decide not to stand. But yesterday the former Olympic champion said: "I still fancy my chances



Harvey: shadow campaign team up and running

would be consulting senior colleagues and his constituency, but would abide by the request not to campaign. Some col-leagues were surprised at his decision to all but declare himself, but others suggested that he might be testing the water.

They pointed out that Mr Campbell would probably only enter the race if he had a good chance of winning, un-like the other candidates who could be putting down markers for future contests.

Charles Kennedy, the front-runner, spent the whole day trying to avoid the cameras. Colleagues pointed out that he been preparing the ground for a leadership elecaware that the bulk of party membership is in the South East and South West. Mr Ashdown also inter-

vened effectively to rule out Si-mon Hughes, the health spokesman. Mr Hughes was one of two MPs who voted against Mr Ashdown when he announced that he intended to extend links between the Liberal Democrats and Labour.

Mr Ashdown said: "The chances of anybody standing who will succeed who goes against what has been the es-tablished democratic will of the party, I don't think is terribly good. But in the end it is for the party to decide." Mr Hughes refused to be

pinned down on whether he would stand, but indicated that he might also be interested in the job of London mayor. "Our party has to make a decision as to who its mayoral candidate is. Funnily enough, at the moment the date for that election is also the summer of this year and I guess that our party would not want the same person to be its mayoral candidate and to be its leader, so read into that what you will," he said. He declined to disclose his future position on Lib-Lab links.

Other potential candidates who refused to rule themseives out yesterday were Don long shots.



Jim Wallace, Scottish Liberal Democrats leader, after launching their conference agenda in Edinburgh yesterday. He warned leadership contenders against hijacking the Scottish and Welsh election campaigns for their own gain

### Contest risks veering off-course

THE contest for the leader-ship of the Liberal Democrats is in danger of being fought on a faise basis. The media fo-cus so far has been on the anti-

issue. The six-month, unofficial and official campaign is likely to tell us very little about Lib-Labbery. The candidates will all stress the importance of an independent party with its distinctive identity and policies. They will play

down, to varying degrees, the advantages of co-operation and of pluralist politics. They will all be running, if not against Tony Blair, then at least to show they can stand

up to him.

That is hardly surprising since leadership elections are politics at their most tribal. Moreover, for the next three to four months, local Lib Dems will be indulging in their greatest passion, campaigning for the local, Scot-tish, Welsh and European elections in many big north-ern cities and towns, the Lib Dems are hoping for gains from Labour to offset likely losses in Tory strongholds in

What the candidates say will be little guide to what they do if they become leader. Apart from Simon Hughes, the likely runners all broadly agree on constructive op-

position". They recfrom the talks on RIDDELL form Several MPS ON POLITICS But that is a as well as local activists, were worried about

muddle and fracas two months ago over the expan-sion of the remit of the Joint Cabinet Committee particu-larly the possibility of talks about health and education. This has now been clarified and the principle of co-operation was reaffirmed a week ago with the extension of talks to include European security and defence.

However, joint consultation has probably reached its high point for the Parliament with a slim chance now of a referendum on proportional represen-tation this side of the general election. There are powerful

forces in both parties opposed to closer links and the departure of Paddy Ashdown may make Mr Blair more rejuctant to take political risks over relations with the Lib Dems. The Prime Minister respects Men-zies Campbell but has little time for many of the other can-

didates. Co-operation is likely to contique on the same basis, but there is unlikely to be any big leap forward. The leadership election may have less impact than is commonly assumed.

What really matters is which new leader will help the Lib Dems get most MPs at the next election. How far they can hold their present 46 seats - as well as the size of any Labour majority — will largely determine whether the Lib Dems are big players after the election. Charles Kennedy

has the most obvi ous appeal to voters as an adept and witty media pershrewd politica

source of suspicion among some activists. Mr Kemedy also has to live down his reputation as a lightweight on policy with a patchy record at Westminster. Some may also question his background in the SDP and wonder whether, post-devolution, a national party leader

can come from Scotland. The Liberal Democrats have a choice do they want a leader with a possible national appeal or do they want someone who will reinforce the prejudices and interests of local activists? Mr Ashdown's great contribution was to give a national focus and ambitions to a locally rooted party.

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#### Ashdown Soundbite home to supremo a warm Kennedy welcome falls silent

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

THE happiest person in Pad-dy Ashdown's Yeovil constituency yesterday could barely contain her delight at the Lib Dem leader's decision to step

Jane Ashdown, his wife of nearly 40 years, grinned as she came to the gate of their home in Norton sub Hamdon. Asked if she was happy, she turned and skipped, Morecambe and-Wise style, back to her front door. -

Mrs Ashdown was one of a small minority in Yeovil. Most of the Somerset town appeared to be in mourning for the man who put it on the map. Mr Ashdown's ties to his constituency were closer than many MPs', despite the extra demands on his time. He held Saturday morning surgeries and continued the doorstep campaigning which in 1983 helped him to prise the seat from the Tory incumbent.

As he made his way back to Somerset last night, Mr Ashdown said: "I just want to say thank you to my constituents: they have been astonishing.

They have given me unfail-ing support all through the IS

years, especially when I was wrong. Now when I get in I will take my shoes off and have a large glass of whisky." He did not know how much spare time he would have in future. "I don't know if I will be

able to just sit around. One of

Jane's girlfriends said You have got to keep him away

By James Landale

CHARLES KENNED might be the best known Liberal Democrat after Paddy Ashdown but yesterday he broke the habit of a lifetime and spent the day avoiding

The doyen of the broadcasting studios was struck by unusual bashfulness. As his leadership rivals made their presence felt, the frontrunner was noted by his absence.

Journalists stalked the corridors of Westminster. The broadcasters hung their heads in frustration, deprived of that staple of television news: the Kennedy soundbite. In fact, the MP for Ross, Skye and Inverness West was dealing with constituency work in his Victoria flat, His

office insisted that he was not organising a leadership cam-At lunchtime, he slipped quietly into the Commons to discuss constituency engagements. Then, a breakthrough. He was forced to vote in the Commons at 3.30pm. He sidled into the lobbies, was spotted by journalists and fled down a corridor.

Tracked down, he said he was not busy campaigning, he was busy voting, taking telephone calls and preparing speeches. All he would say was: The Liberal Democrats should focus on one thing and one thing alone for the forseea ble future and that's all the local, Scottish, Welsh and Euro-





from the cookery books'."

## Dobson accused of seeking scapegoats

THE Government's criticism of nurse training was an atappr to make ward staff the appears for the troubles of

Christine Hancock, head of the Royal College of Nursing. said that nurses had suffered a "night of the long knives". She was responding to comments from Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, who said last week that some young people were deterred from a nursing career by the emphasis on academic training rather than basic caring skills.

the NHS needed staff with the most up-to-date medical knowledee, as well as decent salaries. The chronic shortage of marses could not be blamed on the trend towards college courses, rather than hospital train-Some assume that you and be well educated and a caring person with practical skills. Clearly that's rubbish," she "The issue of less education

es are hungry for more education. In fact, it is more education that heips us to recruit more nurses."

stapegoats for the troubles of the NHS, a mursing leader cancies. The world needs someone to blame. In something akin to the night of the king knives, it seems that murse education is now the scapegoat for a wounded. NHS," Ms Hancock said.

She rejected the idea of increasing the number of lessqualified carers in hospitals.

form basic tasks such as bathing and feeding was best cov-ered by employing more high-ly qualified nurses rather than perform routine tasks", she

been proved that skilled nurses got patients better onicker.

"High levels of skill are not cheap on the pay hill, but it makes a real difference. Stud-

said. This was more cost-effective in the long run as it had

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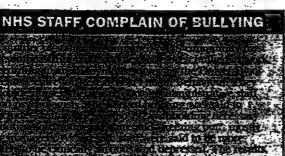
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higher risk of developing avoidable complications."

Ms Hancock old, however admit that there were difficulties with Project 2000, the training system introduced in the 1980s which involves a three-year diploma course rather than the previous system of more practical training in hospital nursing schools. Last week Mr Dobsou sug-

gested increasing the numbers of student nurses on wards. But he was urged to be cau-tious by Sue Norman, head of the UK Central Council, the nurses regulatory body.

"We are very concerned about whether nurse educa-tion is appropriate," said Ms Norman, "which is why we set up a commission to give us recommendations on change in June. Project 2000 is up to 15 ears old and we need to rethink it, but we want to be very careful that we don't give a knee jerk reaction."

She believed that there was too strong a divide between registered general murses and



Gary Glitter yesterday. He wore his sunglasses throughout the four-minute hearing

#### Glitter in court on child sex charges

GARY GLITTER made his first appearance in a Crown Court yesterday to face a series of sex and child pornography

allegations.
The 54-year-old pop star. who has a home in Wedmore. court in Bristol in his Mercedes coupé, which has blacked-out windows. wore a black suit and leather

coat and a black wig. He kept his sunglasses on throughout the four-minute hearing, during which he spoke only to confirm his real name as Paul Francis Gadd. He cupped his ear to help him to hear the submissions made

by his lawyer. Glitter, a father of two, faces eight charges of sexual offences involving a girl and 50 charges relating to indecent photographs of children. He was arrested in 1997 after police examined a computer he had taken to a shop for re-pairs. The allegations date

Yesterday the case was adjourned for two months and he was remanded on condi-

#### Men suffer equally on violence in the home

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

MEN are just as likely to be victims of domestic violence as women, according to the results of a Home Office survey issued yesterday. The research showed that 42 per cent of men and the same percentage of women said they were assaulted last year.

Maje victims were likely to be under 25, working part-time and in households where there were financial difficulties. They may have had a

as likely to have been injured, three times more likely to have faced serious threats and were more likely to have been assaulted at least three times.

The study suggested that the risk of domestic violence was increasing and one reason might be that young people had more relationships, living with different partners."

The survey, based on the British Crime Survey for 1996. concluded there were 6.6 million incidents of domestic vio-

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#### Accurate radiation aids cancer sufferers

A NEW radiotherapy for prosly reduces the risk of side-effecis has successfully completed its trials and could be used to improve treatment for many other cancers. The treatment, which is

known as conformal radiotherapy, shapes the radiation beams to the irregular outlines of a tomour, contining its effect almost entirely to the

thes. They may have half a tusted this continue when the sor disability. The women victims were also young and more at risk if they the at home with children or special from their partiers. This can be so severe that it is the research also said how the start to find the ratio. is not properly destroyed

The new technique is being developed by Institute of Cancer Research, scientists, who have conducted trials on 225 patients at the Royal Marsden Hospital in Sutton, Surrey, and Fulham, London, The Lancet reports. The project The Times Christmas appeal in 1997, which was so successful that additional funds were search such as this.

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## Miners attack police in march on Bucharest

By Sean Hillen in Bucharest and Roger Boyes

STRIKING coalminers, wielding iron bars and wooden truncheons, hijacked lorries and tore through barricades in the central town of Costesti as police tried to block their march to the Romanian capital yesterday.

Shouting "We fight for jobs and our lives," the miners briefly held policemen hostage. Some were admitted to hospital with head injuries. One report said several protest-

ers were armed with guns. As the miners tried to break through the main doors of the council offices in Costesti, 120 miles from Bucharest, terrified staff rushed out of the back doors and the violent showdown continued into the

evening. Residents supplied the miners with bricks and broken pavements as missiles against police batons and volleys of teargas, while shopowners lowered their shutters.

An estimated 20,000 miners from the Jiu Valley are marching to Bucharest in an effort to prevent the closure of mines. an action recommended by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The closures are part of the restructuring of Romania's economy. Last night the angry miners edged closer towards an open confrontation with the increasingly nervous Government. The marchers, led by Miron Kozma, a militant, refused to hold talks with ministers.

The pir workers of the Jiu Valley have traditionally. made or broken Romanian leaders and this demonstration, which is also for a radical



A policeman confronts marchers in Costesti

pay increase, is snowballing rapidly into a popular rebellion. As they push their way eastwards towards Bucharest. the miners have been joined by factory workers. Next week teachers will strike in sympathy, schools will close and young people will start to join the protest.

The Romanian press describes the march as an attempted coup and is warning of a return to dictatorship if the miners should reach Bucharest and make a physical assault on government buildings. The security forces are doing their utmost to hold up the procession of honking buses and cars. .

In Bucharest, President Constantinescu issued a warning last night that giving in to force used by miners would compromise Romania's postcommunist democracy. "We no longer face a protest but rather a brutal attack on security forces and on state authority," the President said. "The Government must negotiate, reforms cannot be

Gavril Dejeu, the interior Minister, has ordered barricades to be put up along the



protest route. He has publicly promised that the police will open fire on the demonstrators, but the denial itself has raised suspicion that something of the sort may have been planned. So far the police in full riot gear have confined

shields with truncheons and chanting "They will not pass." The miners have successfully

avoided several cordons. The situation is explosive. The miners from the Jiu Valley were the most privileged section of the working class under the communist regime of

Nicolae Ceausescu. They enjoyed a measure of political protection and were among the few Romanians who were able to voice their discontent evaporated. in a state tightly run by the Securitate secret police. But

to whistle and boo Ceausescu in Bucharest before Christmas 1989, it was immediately clear that his personal power had

The miners have gathered en masse in Bucharest twice since then, in 1990 they attacked protesting students in

University Square. On the second occasion they forced the resignation of the then Prime Minister. Petre Roman. The latter, the leader of the Social Democrats, a government coalition partner, yesterday appealed to the marching miners

### Novel twist as life imitates art theft

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN PARIS

IN A case of life imitating —or, rather, pil-fering — art, a valuable painting has been stolen from a museum in Chambery, echoing the plot of a novel written by the mayor of the eastern French town.

In his 1993 book The Unknown Uccello. André Gilbertas imagined a scenario in which an artist spotted a painting by the 15th-century Florentine artist Paolo Uccello on the walls of the town's Musée des Beaux-Arts, and stole it.

Sure enough, the Uccello painting of an unidentified man was duly filched last Friday or Saturday, causing considerable embarrassment to the museum authorities. who had made no special security arrangements to protect the work despite the implied fictional warning from M Gil-

"The painting has great value in the art market, but it is unlikely to be sold on by a

dealer because it is just too well known," said Chantal Fernex de Mongex, the curator of the Musée des Beaux-Arts.

As in the best whodumnits, the list of possible suspects is narrowing. There were only six visitors to the museum on Friday afternoon, and although the theft was not captured on security cameras, all six were

filmed entering and leaving the building.
"Only two of the six were wearing big overcoats and none was carrying a large bag," Mme Fernex de Mongex said.



was sought for years

### 'Gun that killed Mussolini' found in village graveyard

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

they could also be manipulated. When miners started

POLICE in northern Italy said yesterday they had found the automatic pistol believed to have been used to kill Benjto Mussolini, the Fascist dictator, and his mistress, Clara Petacci, at the end of the Second World War.

They said the weapon, sought for more than 50 years by pro- and anti-Fascists and by historians, was found bur-ied in a small church cemetery in the village of Monte-

Officials faid they had re- cause it marked the founding the shooting.

ceived an anonymous tip-off event which helped to enable telling them where to find it. The voice said, look near the church and you will find the gun which killed Mussolini," police at Moderna said. Scholto postwar democracy. Giuseppe Tibis, the deputy ars said it appeared that the prosecutor at Modena, said Italian partisans who shot II Duce and Petacci near Lake he had ordered a ballistic re-

Como in 1945 had "wanted to port. "To me it is just another get rid of the murder weapon in a safe and isolated spot.

Nicola Tranfaglia, an expert on the partisan movement, said the find was "very significant". Professor Tranfaglia said the killing contined to exert a fascination be-

Italians to move out of the shadow of fascism - in which many of them had assented -

firearm whose owner we have to trace. he said. The rest is up to the historians." La Repubblica said it was understood locally that a partisan fighter from the Modelet region had taken the gan

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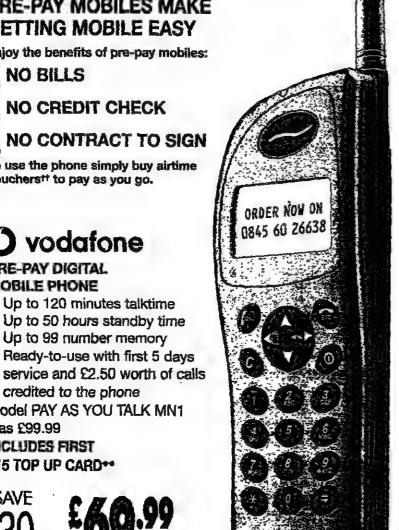
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## Kosovo peace monitor defies Serb ban

Istead of leaving the country as ordered, William Wiker is fighting back, writes Tom Walker in Sipolje

THE ad of the international said an aide to the its car park. The American has monting mission in Kosovo defica Serbian government ordeo leave Yugoslavia yesterd: instead, he took jourmake on a tour of army posi-

brea of the ceasefire. . Wiam Walker had intended fly to Belgrade to coniros his accusers but on adve from Wesley Clark, Na's Supreme Commander, he cided it was too risky. It word have given Yugoslav autheties the chance to deny his plæ landing permission and dixt him out of the country. confident Mr. Walker hintiat he had strong new evie to back his assertion in Serbian security forces e responsible for the Racak acre. There was speculaamong monitors that inlinating police radio meses may have been picked iduring observations of the gration that left 45 ethnic Alaans dead, most with bul-

Allosevic has pushed himseinto a corner, and he sud-

lebounds to the head.

Mr Walker, with 37 years of

of angry Serb minorities from Croada, must know, however, that he has embarked on a risky course. He was meant to have left Yugoslavia by 5pm. after the authorities had extended his stay by 24 hours. and his office has been inun-dated with threatening telephone calls from Serbs. The previous evening. Mr

international press corps in Pristina, and laughed off sug-gestions that the event should be called "the last supper". He said he had the full backing of all 54 nations in the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, and had received many letters of support for his defiance of President Milosevic's Yugo

Walker had entertained the

"I've had a letter from Kofi Annan, and I guess that kind of represents the world," he said. Afterwards he was forced to leave the restaurant dee realises he doesn't even by a back exit as Serb skin-ha the support of Russia," beads lingered menacingly in

a few bodyguards from special forces, but largely relies on Alforeign service and experience hanian staff for protection. No one in the Pristing OSCE mission is armed.

Mr Walker has remained steadfastly unrepentant since he pinned responsibility for the Racak deaths on the police on Saturday. "I did not blame the Serbs, I blamed the security forces," he told journalists. Asked if the OSCE mission would have been worthwhile if it was closed down, he said: "We have shed some light on what's going on here."

Vuk Draskovic, the former
opposition leader now in alli-

talks with Russian leaders to find a face-saving deal for the Yugoslav Government that would allow Mr Walker to A Serbian deputy premier, Tomislav Nikolic, said that because of "diplomatic moves", be delayed so that he could be

given the chance not to be

thrown out but to resign"--os-

tensibly for health reasons.

ance with Mr Milosevic, was

said to have been involved in



near the northern town of Podujevo as he took journalists on a tour of army positions William Walker outside a Yugoslay barracks vesterday

The controversy overshadowed the arrival in the Kosovo capital of Finnish forensic scientists, who began their examinations of the Albanian bodies forcibly removed by police from Racak mosque on Monday. The Finns have portable X-ray machines to study bullet

not been available locally. Helena Ranta, the team leader, said that within ten days. the Racak mystery could be

Mr Walker's persistence was matched by that of the

offensive in the north of Kosovo on the outskirts of the infired in the morning, and an army ami-aircraft gun was dustrial town of Mitrovica. parked in the middle of Sipolje The streets of Sipolje village lay deserted as hundreds of officers in battle fatigues pushed back KLA guerrillas in neighbouring Vagacin and set-

in the afternoon. There were no reports of casualties. Police appear to have been camera crew recorded a round-up of male suspects, in an operation bearing trouoling similarities to the start of Racak operation. Few

### **US** calls for Nato airstrike threat against Milosevic

By Michael Evans, defence editor

TH Americans are calling for lato to issue an ultimatumo President Milosevic to fon him to comply with all theirmands over Kosovo or facairstrikes.

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Ahough the ultimatum option has not yet been approed by Nato members, a Forign Office official confirred that this was now one of the priority topics under discuson at alliance beadquartersn Brussels. Nato sources saic Washington was not the orh alliance member pushig or an ultimatum.

Britain is expected to supprt the idea, although the Office official said tis would not be practical unis a proper political strategy: hi been agreed. The altima-OR LINW MOUDO BY tray's meeting of the six nain Contact Group in Lond. However, with Rossia opped to any military action. airrikes will not be on the

Ctact Group's agenda.
he Foreign Office official. al said it would be importai to spell out Nato's demids to Belgrade. They wid have to include, the officia said, complete complian with the October peace agement reached with Richart-lolbrooke, the American spal envoy, including the willrawal of most of the Serforces to their barracks,

sion order on William Walker, the American head of the verification team in Kosovo, and free access for the war crimes tribunal to investigate last Friday's massacre of 45 Al-

A strategy is expected to be drawn up by the end of this weekend that could lead to a formal deadline being imposed on Belgrade next week. A Nato source said: The alliance wants this resolved peacefully. For that to happen. Mr Milosevic has got to allow an independent investigation of the alleged massacre and that means allowing Judge Louise Arbour |chief prosecutor of the war crimes cribunial in The Haguel to

nounced that it was sending an aircraft carrier to the Adri aric and redeploying 18 warplanes in response to the Kosovo crisis, and Germany sent. eight Tornado fighters to an airbase in Italy to cut response time in case Nato does order a military strike.

ny's Foreign Minister, howevusing force to end the fighting, saying the limits to such tactics half been demonstrated by last month's American force must be the last possible

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## Briton escapes carnage Wife without visa is left behind among drug-crazed

A BRITISH construction work-er who witnessed horrifying atrocities by drug-crazed youths when he was trapped behind rebel lines in Sierra Leone was rescued by militia-

men yesterday and flown to neighbouring Guinea.

His wife, Yegbeh, who en-dured the ordeal with him, was forced to stay in the country because she does not have a visa to travel on to Britain. Destitute after being obbed, sweating from malari-

emerged waving his British passport from his hiding place among shacks where locals had protected him and his wife. Wearing a pair of shorts and a T-shirt — his only possessions — Mr Okulate beamed sions - Mr Okulate beamed as he was greeted by Sam Magai, a shotgun toting member of the Kamajor militia, the only lighting force of Sierra Leoneans loyal to the demoal fever and shaking in terror. Olumide Okulate, 39, from

killers in Sierra Leone, writes Sam Kiley in Freetown "I have seen things that you wouldn't even believe in a documentary," said Mr Okulate. The son of a Sierra Leonean and Nigerian couple who emi-grated to Britain before he was born, he was orphaned and grew up in care. He married Yegbeh in November last year, but was unable to leave Sierra Leone at Christmas be-cause his bride did not have a visa. His Nigerian name and

British nationality were a po-tential death sentence when rebels entered the city on January l. "It was absolutely terrifying," he said. "They came in saying that they would not hurt anybody, and then they started killing at random.

They burnt children to death on the street. on the street. They set fire to their homes and then forced

them back in People were shot like chickens. The people around kept me from going out at all because I don't speak Creole and that would have given me away. For five days we just hid in a cellar in a neighbour's house while there was shooting and

bombing going on outside."
As he spoke, his Kamajor saviours eyed groups of young men on street corners and whispered warnings that many were known rebel collab-orators. Mr Okulate kissed his wife goodbye and was bun-dled into a jeep as the Kama-jors cocked their weapons. fearful of ambush.

Passing a Kamajor cik-point, Mr Magai, an agniwounded four times in bales with the rebels, issued nevrders: "You find a rebel talking, just execute thin. Don't let them multiply." Safely back in a hotel, ir

Okulate was given water de food, his first for two day? I am so glad to be out of the, he said: "Many of the rels were out of their minden drugs - cocaine and herd. I don't know where they glso much. They partied all this long and killed duringthe day. These are the most vil

people on earth."
Given \$300 (£180) by atwisher, he then flew to dinea, where he was met byritish officials. His wife within him when she gets a visa

Scores of Sierra Leonns were less fortunate. A Ty-load of 40, all with both hids chopped off by rebels, ere driven into Connaught spi-tal Locals said hundre of rebels were hiding in shries off the main road — retald by Nigerian soldiers — yere they were terrorising civins.



Ray Choto after being released in Harare yesterday He told of electric shocks and near-drowning

## Journalists freel after torture by Mugabe police

A NEWSPAPER editor and reporter were released from illegal military custody in Zim-habwe yesterday, bearing signs that they had been tortured by military police trying to force them to identify their sources for a report of an al-

leged coup plot.

Mark Chavunduka, 34, the editor of The Standard, and Ray Choto, 36, had bruises on their faces and swollen hands. Mr Choto's hands were about three times their normal size and had burn marks on them. He walked with a limp. As they left Harare magist court on bail of Z\$10,000 (£155), they appeared to be in the final stages of exhaustion, their eyes badly bloodshot. According to Mr Choto's brief account as he left the

court, he was intensively tor-tured with half-drowning, elecmin shocks and beatings for about 21 hours over two days. He said his interrogators told him that President Mugabe had signed his death warrant and that he would be tortured until he died. The details came at the end of a ten-day legal battle against the security authorities to release first Mr Chayunduka and then Mr Choto. They were illegally detained after their report last week that 23 soldiers had been arrested in December

for inciting a coup-Their interrogation, the ease with which military authorities secured the collusion of other branches of the Government and their confident dismissal of High Court orders, establishes an alarming new direction in a country seized by economic crisis and widespread resentment over

the Mugabe regime.

The violent reaction to The Standard report is seen as an indication that Mr Mugabe sees- an -attempted military coup as a real threat. Witness-



Chavunduka: in fina stages of exhaustion

es have reported heavarmed troops guarding le gates of army headquars, and a significant increasin the number of sentries in ch bat uniform guarding Mr h gabe's residence.

Mr Chavunduka speni days in illegal military det-tion. Mr Choto had been hiding from military pos until Tuesday, when he exhimself up to police. By handed the pair over to litary police who drovehe blindfolded journalists to what is believed to be a stet police interrogation cent at Goromonzi, about 35 les east of Harare.

Mr Choto said he hahis head rammed into a buck of water to the point of dwn-ing, and was allowed mentarily to gasp for air, or to be forced back into the ater again. He was given etric shocks all over, includi his genitals. Both men saithey had managed to proteiner

Military police remed them to Harare poli on Wednesday. The pa ap-peared before a magnate yesterday, charged withausing alarm, fear and depudency, and are due to pear again on February 22.

Mr Okulate, with his wife Yegbeh, shows his passport to Sam Magai, his rescuer Evolution invests some with an enviable peace of mind. The Laguna Alizé with 2 years' free servicing and 0% finance. รัฐมีเหลือใช้ เราะ เลลี่สินมีโปลดมา แล้วสู้ เกลรลู เกลร์ Free servic or era Zillera grander trede off Wrong; Tre Alize has a constitution SO NEED OF DEVEL STREET STREET The Leggie Alize 64 will cost, you from RENAULT

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## Mexico wary as Pope returns

today ta rapturous welcome from one of he world's great Roman Cathol nations, the enthusiasm of his reption will conceal the strains and sometimes violent relationsip between the Mexican au-

thorits and the church.

Theiging pontiff will address a count where foreign priests have been epelled recently for alleged in-volverent in politics. The Catholic Churchas also been blamed for formering an armed revolution amor, Indians in the southern state! Chiapas, And Church leaders live spoken out against Mexico's ilman rights record, governmen corruption and the free-mark economic policies many blan for worsening poverty.

The Government is so anxious about the political content of the

Pope public remarks that it has sent epresentatives to the .Varican in trent weeks in an apparent effor to soften the impact of his visit out, much as in Cuba a year ago, surch officials say the Pope is unliky to direct public swipes at his hets. Instead, the issue of Chiapas vil be reserved for a private meetig with President Zedillo.

Church under fire

for political

activities, writes

David Adams

in Miami

"We don't expect the Pope to make any direct comments in his public appearances," said Johan Flores, a spokesman for the Mexican Church's Social Pastoral Commission. Instead, his homilies are likely to address general issues affecting the Americas, such as human rights, violence and poverty. As for Chiapas, he will raise it, but not in an incendiary fashion". Señor

Flores said. But any mention of human rights has special resonance in Mexico: Only last week the New York-based Human Rights Watch issued the findings of a two-year in-vestigation. This found that Mexican judges, prosecutors and law-enforcement officers collude to torture suspects; obtain evidence illegally

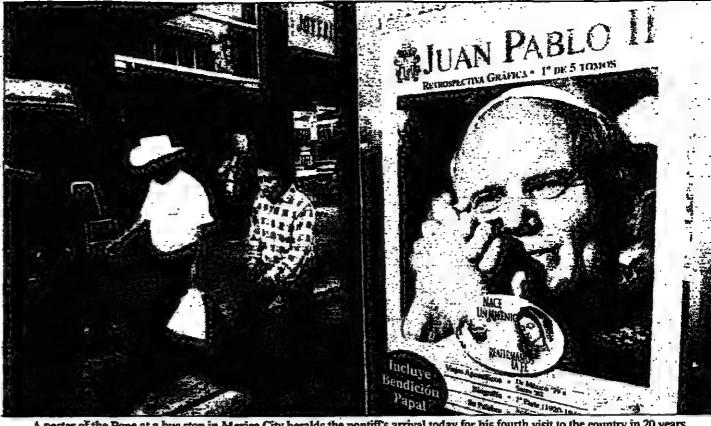
and block investigations into hu-man rights violations.

For generations the Catholic Church was never officially recognised by the leaders of Mexico's institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI), and it remained silent on important political and social issues. But, after winning official recogni-tion in 1992, it has taken on a more activist role.

In Chiapas, wealthy, pro-govern-ment landowners and armed paramilitary groups have waged a virtual war on the Church since Zapatista rebels launched an armed optising in 1994. Priests have been attacked for defending demands by Indian rebels for social justice. A dozen churches have been closed and in some areas priests sel-

dom walk about after dark or travel to more remote parishes for fear of ambush. Gunnen opened fire on a pastoral convoy carrying Bishop Samuel Ruiz of San Cristobal de las Casas, whom the Government views as the spiritual leader of the Chiapas rebellion.

Instead of coming to the Church's rescue, the Government has sided with its critics, expelling six foreign-born priests accused of



A poster of the Pope at a bus stop in Mexico City heralds the pontiff's arrival today for his fourth visit to the country in 20 years

supporting the rebels. Msgr Ruiz hit back on Christmas Eve, issuing a scathing pastoral letter, forwarded to the Pope, that attacks "the madness of an economic model that devours a nation's wealth and

concentrates it in few hands". Mexico is where, 20 years ago, the Pope began his peripatetic pon-

tificate. This is his 95th foreign trip. and it may be his last to this hemisphere. These days his speech is sourred and he is increasingly frail. The official purpose of his visit is to attend one of a series of regional

gatherings of hishops convened to set church's goals for the new millennium. Most of the talk will be either theological or on administrative issues, but the synod is expected to tackle thorny political issues facing the Church in the Americas. They include the widening gulf between the rich and poor, the elfects of global capitalism, and bur-

densome foreign debt. In Mexico,

the bishops are likely to highlight

the plight of Honduras and Nicaragua, the two Central American countries worst hit by last year's Hurricane Mitch. Both have enormous outstanding debts.

On Tuesday he leaves Mexico for the United States where, during a two-day visit, he will hold a private meeting with President Clinton.

WORLD IN BRIEF

### France is fined over media rights

Strasburg: The European Court of Human Rights condemned Strasburg: The European Court of Human Rights condemned Francior violating the free-speech rights of the satirical weekly Le Caurd Enchaîne. The court found French courts had violated the wropean Human Rights Convention by fining the magazine F5.000 (£1.500) in 1993 for publishing tax forms of Jacques Calve then head of the carmaker Peugeot. An appeals court ruled as weekly made inroads into M. Calver's privacy despite lawyes arguments that anyone is entitled to consult public tax rolls be magazine had printed the tax form during a strike at leugot over pay, and the form showed M. Calver's own salary lad icreased by nearly 50 per cent in two years. The European ad icreased by nearly 50 per cent in two years. The European Coursentenced the French state to pay the weekly Fri0,001 in damges and Fr60,000 in costs. (Reuters)

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actionville: A Florida armoured car driver who stole a record le souvelle A Florida armoured car driver who stole a record 18. million (£11.5 million) was jailed for 25 years for kidnapping admoney-laundering. Philip Johnson, 35, pulled a gun on co-voiers and loaded a van floor-to-ceiling with each. He said: "I doft want more than 1 m amillion log any \$1." He said he pahed to use 20 per cent to help boos Crimal Americans and remythe rest if his bosses supped treating statis fine slaves." (AP)

#### Colombia talks falter

Colorbia's largest left-wing guernilla group, the Revolutionary Armi Forces of Colombia, has suspended peace talks with the Government, demanding that the authorities dismande the rightning paramilitary death squads who have resumed a terror empaign (Gabriella Gamini writes). President Pastrana said I regretted the premature end to talks, which he had hoped wouldecome a central achievement of his administration.

### 24die in religious riots

armergangs blocked roads as violence among Christians and Muslas spread in eastern Indonesia. At least 24 people have died its week and almost 3,000 have fled their homes in. Malui province. The violence was the latest in a series of religics-related clashes amid social tensions caused by the nation's orst economic crisis in three decades. (AP)

#### Taeban clash kills 12

Islambad: Afghan tribesmen classified with Taleban militiamen in a suthern border city after they were stopped from playing a traditinal game of egg fighting, leaving 12 people dead and two wound, a private news agency reported. The fighting broke out in host when tribesmen refused to obey a Taleban edict declaring the remain ministration participants each hold on second tribes. clarin the game, in which two participants each hold an egg, and h them together until one breaks, un-Islamic (AP)

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## Italians launch attack on Nelson

'Brutal' British hero slaughtered

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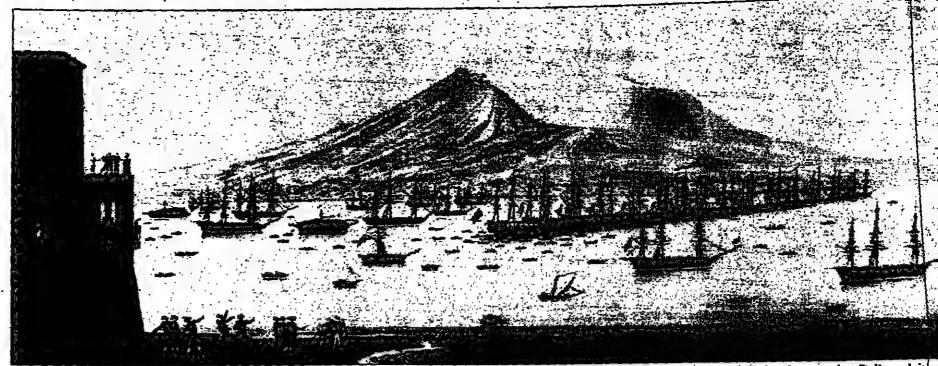
in Rome

LORD NELSON was criticised yesterday by Italian historians, who branded him a war criminal who had used brutal, bloodthirsty methods" to put down a revolt in

Naples 200 years ago.
But British scholars defended the hero of Trafalgar, saying that his actions in Naples had to be understood "in the context of wider British strategic interests". Professor John Davis, who is writing an account of revolutionary Naples for Oxford University Press, said he understood Italian attitudes, but "anti-British senti-ment" was misplaced.

At a three-day conference on the Jacobin revolution against the Bourbon rulers of Naples in 1799, Professor Gerardo Marotta, director of the Italian Institute of Philosophical Studies in Naples, said that it was time that Nelson's true role in executing the leaders of the revolt was "fully exposed".

Nelson had acted with great brutality, Professor Marotta, who describes himself as the last of the Neopolitan Jacobins, said. He added that Nelson had played a leading role in restoring the Bourbons, end-ing the 144-day republic by reneging on promises of safe conduct and engaging in "shame-



Nelson's fleet in the Bay of Naples in 1799. Controversy rages over his role in helping to put down an anti-monarchist uprising, tarnishing his heroic reputation, Italians claim

ful wholesale slaughter" of the

revolutionaries. Nelson arrived in Naples in 1793 with orders to help to forge an anti-French pact with King Ferdinand I and Queen Maria Carolina, the Bourbon monarchs. His Naples years are perhaps best remembered for his passionate affair with Emma Hamilton, wife of Sir William Hamilton, the British Ambassador. But Nelson also

to stage a revolt.

Nelson took King Ferdinand and Queen Maria Carolina to safety in Palermo in his own flagship and returned later to help monarchist forces led by Cardinal Fabrizio Ruffo to put down the uprising.

The conference, which is part of bicentenary celebrations marking the revolt, is being held at the Castel Sant' played a key political role: he Elmo, the fortress on a hill. supported the King and Queen when the French invadabove Naples where the rout-

wick University and now at Connecticut University, said that there was particular anger over the fact that the defeated rebels were entired out of the fortress after being assured by Cardinal Ruffo that they would be given safe pas-sage. "But Nelson did not feel bound by this and had them arrested the moment they emerged defenceless," he said.

Anti-Nelson feeling focuses on the fate of Admiral Francesco Caracciolo, who had served the monarchy but switched sides to back the rebels. He was sentenced to life imprison-

ment after a court martial held on Nelson's orders.

Nelson changed the sentence to death by hanging from the yardarm and refused to allow the body to be taken down until sunset. It was thrown into the sea, weighted with cannon balls. The corpse was buried after being washed up on a beach. According to some scholars, Nelson's dis-like of the admiral was fuelled not only by his treachery but also by the fact that he had once slighted Lady Hamilton by refusing to dance with her.

Giuseppe Galasso, a lead-

written to Lady Hamilton from Palermo asking her to tell Nelson to put down the revoit "as if he were crushing a rebel city in Ireland" "He didn't need to be asked

twice, Professor Galasso said. The result has left an indelible stain on the reputation of a man whom the British regard as a hero."

Professor Davis said that he had read all of Nelson's correspondence at the time of the revolt and "I don't think he had a very clear idea of what he

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### Japan telescope focuses on infant universe

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FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

Nelson, top, and his

JAPANESE scientists say that a new infra-red telescope, the biggest yet built, could help to solve the mystery of how life

The £210 million telescope will give scientists the best view so far of the universe in its infancy, according to Motohide Tamura of Japan's Na-tional Astronomical Observatory. "What is most exciting is that we expect to be able to observe the birth of newly born

Called Subaru after the Japanese word for the star cluster

Pleiades, the telescope's large size was made possible by technological innovations. At its heart is an American-made reflector with a diameter of 8.2m (27ft), supported by Japanese computer-controlled arms to compensate for gravity and temperature variations. The system ensures that the flexible mirror — only 20cm (8in) thick — preserves a curvature of staggering preci-sion. If sited in London, the tel-

bali in Swindon. with a highly accurate track-

cate stars in both the visible and infra-red wavelengths. greatly extending the limits of the observable universe.

Scientists in Japan say the Subaru will out-perform America's Hubble telescope —

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though this has the advantage of being above the Earth's atmosphere - because it can collect more light than the space telescope. Hubble has been able to confirm hundreds of previously unknown galaxies with its reach of about ten biltion light years. Suharu will be capable of focusing up to 12

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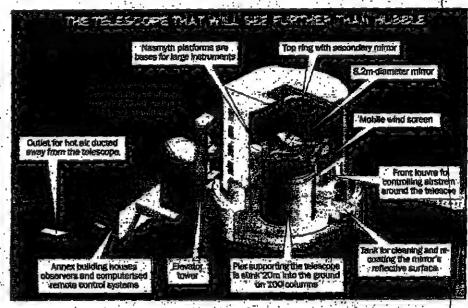
Professor Davis, formerly

(led by disaffected noblemen)

billion light years away.
Professor Tamura says it will also enable scientists to observe directly planetary systems outside the solar system - the existence of which was discovered in 1995. "Until 1995 we did not know of any plane-- how to make a tary system outside our solar observe the infant universe," system," the professor said. Professor Tamura said.

But in 1995 the first example of the extrasolar planet was discovered. The next step is somehow to observe directly those kind of extrasolar

Scientists are also excited by the prospect of detecting the first generation of celestial objects which cooled from the primordial gas, which are pre-dicted to be galaxies in their initial star-forming phase. "We will not be able to see the beginnings of the universe it-self, which may be 15 billion light years away, or 20 billion. But now we hope to be able to









Duff wants \$50,000 a

## 'Cheap billionaire' feeds his daughter on \$3 a day

THE chairman of Reviou cosmetics, Ronald Perelman, was chided yesterday for being New York's cheapest billionaire after saying that he can feed his four-year-old daughter for \$3 (£1.82) a day.

The remark came in exchanges during a captankerous court hearing to decide how much Mr Perebuan, 55, should pay in child support to his third former wife, Patricia Duff, 44. a wealthy socialite, to whom he was married for 18 months. As Judge Franklin

Weissberg remarked: "We're in uncharted waters here. There aren't too many cases where a billionaire and a

multimillionaire slug it out."

Indeed, the hearing was just the kind of clash enjoyed by New York's tableid media. "It won't take a lotta bread to Led my kid," blared a headline in the New York Post. which also coined the "cheapest billionaire" comment. Jim Haggerty, a spokesman for Ms Duff, added his two

cents' worth by saying: "Ron

should support his child."

Multimillionaires end up quibbling over cents, writes Ian Brodie

Beach and Los Angeles.

Yet when his daughter

Caleigh comes to stay with

him. Mr Perelman said in evi-

dence, she eats \$3 worth of food a day: chicken fingers, bot dogs, cereal for breakfast

hamburgers and some pasta.

\$1,000 a year would be appro-

Three dollars? So about

Perelman lives like the Sultan hattan to Long Island, Palm of Brunei and has the nerve to guibble about how much he

Mr Perelman, one of America's richest men, agreed that his worth was "approximately \$6 billion". He described a life of private jet, yachts, luxury holidays and a string of lavish homes and estates from Manpriate?" asked William Bes-low, Ms Duff's lawyer. "Yes," Mr Perelman replied.
Figures from the US Depart-

ment of Agriculture show that \$3.07 a day was the national average last year for a "low-cost" home-cooked food plan for a four-year-old. Mr Perel-man has a full-time chef on his staff. Ms Duff is seeking \$50,000 a month in child support, including \$40,000 to rent a New York flat, a second car. \$60,000 a year for a nanny, ex-tra household help and cash

for holidays. She also wants Mr Perelman to continue paying for the girl's school and

medical insurance.

Mr Perelman is paying \$12,000 a month in child support ptus \$1.5 million a year in maintenance to Ms Duff. Mr Perelman amassed his fortune partly through takeover battles. He was a bit player in the Monica Lewin-

sky scandal: she was offered a

Revion job after Mr Perelman

was contacted by Vernon Jor-

dan, the President's friend.



Perelman: "lives like Sultan of Brunei"

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## Senate veteran goes into battle for friend Bill

BY BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Chinton called on an old Arkansas friend yesterday to mount the last, impassioned speech for his de-fence, as the White House team ditched its low-key approach, and cranked up emo-tion and rhetoric for a final attack. Dale Bumpers, 73, like Mr Clinton a former Governor of Arkansas, and a senator for 24 years, arrived on Capi-tol Hill yesterday to do battle for his friend and protege. Yesterday marked the anni-

versary of the start of the Lewinsky scandal, when accounts of the President's friendship with the young trainee first broke, adding to the nation's favourite catchphrase lines such as "Sir, the girl is here with the pizza". But after a year of tortuous drama, the President's fate could be setded as early as Monday, when Democrats want to hold a blunt "Yes" or "No" vote on whether to scrap the trial on the two articles of impeachment against Mr Clinton.

Expectations are that Republicans, who hold a 55-45 advantage in the Senate, would squash that bid. But with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott: pressing to wrap up the trial by mid-February, tagge is a widespread sense that Republifor stretching it out: In deploy-

ing Mr Bumpers to close the President's case, the White House pitched arraight at the public's lack of enthusiasm for a long trial. Folksy but civilised, an old-fashioned liberal Democrat but also a tough, trained lawyer with a love of a courtroom brawl, Mr Bumpers can be relied on to deliver a powerful, populist speech. A huge, white-haired man, with a booming voice, he is hard to

A much-loved figure in the Senate, Mr Bumpers became a political star when he dislodged the famous Orval Faubus in running for Governor. and then ousted the distinguished William Fulbright,



and tough lawyer

one of Mr Clinton's political mentors, from his Senate seat. But he won many friends on the other side of the aisle thuring his tenure. Asa Hunchinson, a Republican Representative for Arkansas, and a member of the House team prosecuting Mr Clinton, described him this week with approval as "excellent — just an old country lawyer".

in Mr Clinton's defence, depity White House counsel Cheryl Mills, 33, the first woman to take the floor in the trial, said the prosecution was wrong to focus on whether the President had lied in the Paula Jones sexual barassment case, because the House had thrown out that charge against him. Ms Mills is seen as strengthening Mr Clinton's already formidable appeal to women. She ap pealed to senators to overlook Mr Clinton's flaws. "We've had imperiect leaders in the past, and we'll have imperfect eaders in the future," she said, but their imperfections did not stop "the march for civ-Il rights and equal oppor-

New polls show that the President's job approval ratings following his State of the Union speech on Tuesday are near their all time high point



The Boys Choir of Harlem at the dedication of a postage stamp honouring Malcolm X, the assassinated black nationalist leader. The guests at the presentation in the Apollo Theatre, Harlem, included his six daughters. The 33-cent stamp is the 22nd in the Black Heritage series

### 'Son of Star Wars' targets rogue states' missiles

FROM IAN BROOTE IN WASHINGTON

IN A major shift of American policy, the Clinton Administration has decided to develop a "Son of Star Wars" defence against missile attacks by North Korea and other rogue nations.

President Clinton has written to President Yeltsin asking to renegotiate the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, a bedrock of early arms control agreements, so that America can build a limited national system of missile defences. Initial reaction from Moscow was

Cohen, the Secretary of Defence, said that if Russia would not agree to changes, America had the option of simply withdrawing from the treaty on six months' notice.

The Administration will request \$10.5 billion (£6.4 billion) from Congress over the next six years for the research, testing and building of the new anti-missile defence system. "We can-not afford to fail," Mr Cohen said. Washington's concerns were aroused initially by a government commission that issued a warning of the rapid spread of missile technology to such jections. But in Washington, William Iran.

The caution was underlined dramatically last August when North Korea launched a three-stage rocket called Taepo-Dong I that demonstrated a potential for reaching the US mainland. This is not an abstract, theoretical threat," said the Pentagon's top officer, General Hugh Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Rather, it was a real threat that would pose a danger not only to American troops overseas. but also to Americans at home.

In 1983, former President Reagan launched his Stars Wars programme to build a national shield against Sovbillion but never came close to reality. The concept of dozens of missiles in space that could instantly intercept Soviet ICBMs was a technical and soft-ware challenge that American scientists could not crack. The new plan is modest by comparison. It envisages satellite sensors to spot the exhaust of hostile missile launches immediately after lift-off, but the interceptor missiles will be based on Earth, not in space.

The network of early-warning radars - in Alaska, California and Massachusetts - would track the flight path of any incoming missile. Interceptors travelling at 25,000mph stroy it by firing small rockets.

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the same red heart, £95.

At this kevel, gloves begin to

cross the boundary between garment and objet d'art. Those

from Hermes fall firmly into

the latter category, particular-

with a little linen handkerchief

tucked into its culf, and the

child's berry-red sheepskin mitten, gaily embroidered with golden trumpets and musical notes — an article so

enticing that only the humiliat-ing prospect of a Cinderellastyle struggle to force my adult hand into its infantile contours

prevented me from making it

the latest addition to the Shil-

ling Glove Orphanage.

very so often I won-der what sort of life a Martian might think I led were one to land his spaceship on my roof and take a look in my top drawer. There he would find a collection of lace, ribbon and enamel buttons, lengths of veiling sprinkled with velvet bows, and elbow-length white kid gloves sufficient to keep an entire ballroom-full of Edwardian débutantes and their dowager mamas supplied for years

I know that there are women - some of them are my best friends — who don't care for this kind of pretty trash. It's not just that they don't feel the need for it. They actively CUTTING EDGE JANE SHILLING

distike it. The sight of a faded kid glove lovingly entwined with a necklace of paste brilliants and a scrap of cherryred silk-velvet ribbon speaks to them not of Chopin nocturnes and Chekhovian melancholy but of chaner, woolly

thinking and bad leng shui. Even I, in one of my periodic fits of minimalism, have been known to tip the contents of

this drawer on to my bed with £12.95, and a handsome pai a view to returning the whole lot to the Oxfam shop from which it mostly came. Somehow this resolution is nevercarried out. Something stays my hand. But what is it?

Partly it is a sense of history. That pair of superfine milkchocolate suede gauntlets, marked on the inside wrist in spidery copperplate "Made in France, size 6%" - through what adventures did they pass before ending up in the dusty charity shop? Whose little hand fleshed out the narrow. pointed fingers of those powder-pink, full-length evening gloves with their elegant white piping, fiddly pearl but-tons and faint, melancholy scent of mothballs? They are

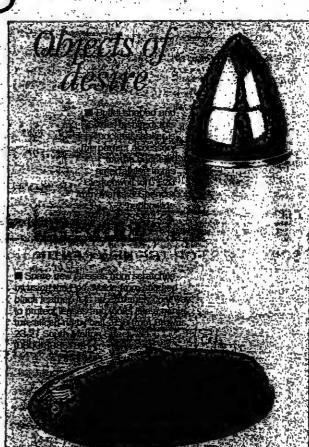
gloves to go dancing in. They must have been worn while love affairs began and ended, proposals were made and rejected. Or perhaps they belonged to a girl who hated dances and sat in the cloak-room all evening fiddling with those pink pearl buttons until she could excape ....

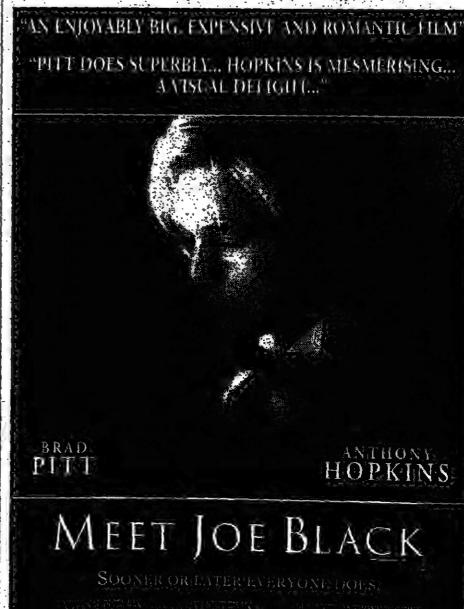
I am so hopelessly in thrall to the pathetic fallacy that in shops where gloves are sold I find myself attributing personalities to the merchandise and feeling that it is my duty to take home such and such a pair - as though I were Mia Farrow and the gloves a gaggle of Vietnamese orphans.

n these circumstances, the best thing to do is to keep away from glove shops altogether—espe-cially the King's Road, a particular danger zone, with Brora (where luxurious cashmere gloves are now reduced to £10) at one end, and at the other Peter Jones, whose repertoire encompasses a vast range, from dove-grey sheepskin mit-tens, £12.95, to shocking-pink kid lined with silk, £29.50, and fine black suede elegantly ruched at the wrist, E35.

Convinced that a hard win-ter lies ahead. I found myself lingering over hand-stitched charcoal lambskin with a pale grey lining, £35, tan lambskin with a cream fur cuff, £45. black Italian leather gaumlets lined with rabbit fur, £35, and cashmere-lined black suede







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# The secret world of an embassy wife

No one suspected that Catherine Manning, for more than 20 years the perfect diplomatic hostess, was leading a double life. Interview by Grace Bradberry

atherine Manning, the wife of David Manning, until recently Ambassador to Israel, is that rare thing, a diplomatic wife happy to live in her husband's shadow. She has done it for 24 years now, apparently without complaint. But then, Catherine Manning has a dark and thrilling secret: she is an award-winning

For 15 years, she kept this other life to berself. When in England, she would occasionally attend crime-writers' dinners, introducing herself by her nom de plume, Elizabeth Ironside. When on the diplomatic circuit, she would be queen of the canapes, mistress of the official crockery — an English porcelain, white with a gold crest on it," she says, in her soft, trilling voice.

It was in Israel that this carefully structured plot unrav-elled. "I was still trying both to write and to be the Ambassador's wife, and I threw on a dress and went to a dinner. A woman asked me what I did. Eventually I told her. She said: Oh, I knew you were very busy because of the state of your hands. She'd noticed that they hadn't been manicured. Of course, she had beau-tifully manicured nails."

Yet Catherine Manning is the sort of woman who would always look "well turned-out". We meet in a sparse, cream flat, within a grandiose apartment block in South London: Inside the vestibule, the stucco work has been restored. In short, it's oddly like an embassy. Manning does not disgrace the setting. She looks as if she might have been born in a cashmere sweater similar to the one she is wearing.

Appearances are deceptive. The Mannings are renting, until the tenants move out of their Chelsea borne - her hus-band was posted back to London slightly earlier than ex-pected. And far from being born to this kind of life, Catherine grew up in a Northamptonshire village, where her mother was a social worker and her Guardian-reading

household," she says.
Her father died while she was in her teens and the family endured straitened circumstances. Educated at a grammar school, she went up to Oxford aged only 17. There she met her husband, went to lots of parties, and formed no idea of what she wanted to do next. At the age of 23, she married and, since David Manning had joined the Foreign Office, this answered the question. The moment we decided to get married, I did a teaching qualification, because I thought it would be useful."

This was her only career plan.
The first posting was War-saw, in the mid-Seventies. Her husband learnt to speak Polish, she managed only a littie. "I think I was really miserable and the fhing that saved me was meeting a Polish historian who was writing a book on Conrad. I became a sort of literary assistant."

So, as her husband concentrated on his first posting, she found other intellectual diversions. That's been true in every job he's been in - his focus has been different from mine. He was thinking in political or economic terms, whereas I was thinking in human

Traditionally, diplomatic wives have found a focus in



Catherine Manning: all the attributes of the ideal ambassador's wife - plus a talent for concealment and crime writing

their children. But as other wives fell pregnant, for Cather-

ine that didn't happen. "I couldn't have children," she says, carefully. "It was a source of regret and, for a time, of real sadness. But you can't spend your whole life regretting one condition. I went

through it and came out at the other side, and left that particu-lar thing behind."

She began writing her first novel, set in India (her husband's second foreign post-ing), when she was 30. We'd just bought a house and we were completely broke," she

says. "But I did it partly to pass the time, too." Her hus-band parcelled up the manuscript and sent it to an agent, picked from the Artists' and Writers' Yearbook for no other reason than that the surname began with A. The agent quick-

Private Enterprise won the Crime Writers' Association first novel award.

Had she turned to writing to fill a void? "It might be that I started to write at a moment when really I should have . . . " she begins. "I mean, I'd been married long enough . . . it

was quite clear that if I was going to have children, then i should have had them by then.

and I wasn't going to."
One has to admire a woman who could respond to such a crushing discovery by becoming an award-winning novelist. During her husband's third posting — to Paris — she also polished off a history doctorate. Not the least formidable, and, frankly, rather shy, she is the kind of resourceful wife that Foreign Office mandarins must adore. "David is always very dedicated to his work," she says, "Which means you could spend your time twiddling your thumbs or you could do something

yourself." The Mannings were in Moscow from 1990 to 1993. 'I couldn't it was a scary peri-od, though not, ap-parently for Catherhave Manning children. They were the best years there since 1917," she It was a says with glee. "During August 1991, when the source of coup took place, I walked every day

regret'

They lived in a rented house with "a KGB man on the door who noted every time one went in and out." Later, people were so concerned about security they would beg to have a policeman outside their door.

with my dog down

to the barricades."

During this period she wrote her second novel, Death in the Garden, which was shortlisted for the Crime Writ-ers' Association Gold Dagger award. Back in England, she completed her third, The Accomplice, mostly about Russia. Naively, she thought that her first stint as an ambassadress, in Israel, would provide her best opportunity yet

to get on with her writing.
I ought to have known better, but I started out thinking: This is wonderful. I'm going to an interesting country, to live in a lovely house, and

there are staff. I shall work during the day, and give receptions in the evening." Officially, there was no reason she should not have approached it in this way. "The Foreign Of-fice is now absolutely politically correct on this. There is no pressure on wives to do anything connected with their husbands' jobs. That's the theory. The practice for ambassadors'

wives is very different." It was wonderful, she says to meet the key political players in Israel. (Though she confesses: "To tell you the truth, Israel is a country without small talk.") But her writing suffered. Finally, she decided to retreat to their house in France for six months each year,

where she wrote her latest novel. The Art of Deception, a tale of money-laundering and murder set in Moscow and Knights-

In truth, there of Catherine Manning which enjoys if not deception. then secrecy and subterfuge. She clearly rather enjoyed having two lives. Then her pub-

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lishers pointed out that, in today's world, merely writing books was not enough. You had to publicise them.

"I'd never had a launch party until I went to Israel. People just assume you're an ambassador's wife and that's it. It didn't bother me. But while we were in Israel, David gave a party for The Accomplice. He did it as a private person, and had invitations printed from David Manning, for the launch of Elizabeth Ironside's book. Lots of people came and realised that was me only when they arrived." She recounts this with the relish of a spy whose cover was never

● The Art of Deception, by Elizabeth Ironside, New English Library, £5.99.



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## Starters for No 10

that he likes nothing better than "fresh fettucine garnished with an exotic sauce of olive oil, sun-dried tomatoes and capers", then he must be some kind of shameless chameleon who changes to woo whomever he happens to be with. Well, that's certainly what I think.
But this culinary misunderstanding has made Blair

anxious about his image. Or, as he put it to Frank Bruno at a Downing Street cocktail party last night. They're trying to stitch me up good 'n' proppa, ain't it Frankie, makin' me out to be a Zelig of the food world, like in tha' Woody Allen movie, know wo' I mean, Harry?" before turning with his other face to Michael Caine, from whom he sought some moral support by pleading "Mike, you know me mate. I'm jis mum 'n' dad - madi -

not a lotta people know vat." But Tony understands that the days when people changed the way they spoke simply in order to blend in with whomever they were talking to are, like, so five minutes ago. That was last year's political fashion, which Tony flaunted so flamboyantly on the Des O'Connor Show last June, when he told us all how he loves to play footie with the kids and how, on a holi-

about me fish 'n' chips. But

day in France. They pu' on a little show for us, with the mayor of the little village." Then Blair got a pager message from Alastair Campbell explaining that everyone speaks Estuary English now, and the latest fo-cus group findings showed that "you are what you eat" was the new mantra on voters' lips. This is why - whereas an American President might be followed around a crowded room by a pair of discreet bodyguards - Tony Blair, at his Downing Street cocktail parties, is accompanied by a pair of discreet waitresses. One carries a tray of food, the other a tray of

any people think that just because trony Blair promised his constituents in Sedgefield that his favourite and-pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to Kate Moss, and pickle bap. As he moves on to keep the moves o swapping these for an asparagus quiche tartlet and a Malibu and blackcurrant when it's time to get the lowdown on the world of showbiz

from Supermarket Sweep's Dale Winton. Because of his bectic lifestyle, Blair now cmploys a full-time social dietician to orchestrate his schedule in a way that enables him to blend in gastronomically with whomever he happens to be dining. If you would like to try the Blair diet as part of your new

year makeover, here are a few examples of what Tony eats, and in whos company: Paddy Ashdown: With Paddy, Tony makes a point of eating neither fish nor fowl, but something in between. Like Ashdown, Tony has this week vowed to hand over the responsibility of eating food to someone else but not for six months!

Mike Tyson: Tony likes to

take a bite out of Mike's ear. Peter Mandelson: Tony tends to choose lobster, mak ing sure the restaurant bill is sent to Geoffrey Robinson. John Humphrys: Blair of-ten joins the Today presenter in eating a Cabinet minister UNDERNEATH for breakfast. JOE JOSEPH

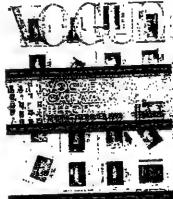
Robin Cook: The evening frequently ends with the two of them rolling around the floor of Chevening's drawing room, empty brandy bot-tles scattered about them like bowling pins.

David Owen: Anything, as long as it's between 9am and 11.30am, or 5pm to 7pm. Richard Rogers: Tony orders seabass - just so long as all the bones have been repositioned on the outside of the fish, and the whole dish is served under a speciacular glass canopy.

Gordon Brown: With Gordon, Tony is scru-pulous about cutting the cake straight down the middle, but still somehow manages to end up with the bigger half. But, hey habe, that's the way the cookie crumbles, as Tony was telling his buddy Bill Clinton only the other day.

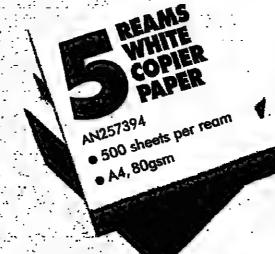
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## Send in the mercenaries, Mr Cook

Sam Kiley on why the Sierra

Leone leader must not fall

obin Cook would rather we all forgot about Sandline. The Foreign Secretary does not welcome reminders of the role played by this mercenary outfit in Sierra Leone.

Sandline may have co-operated with British diplomats to help to restore the lawfully elected President Kabbah to his rightful position as Sierra Leone's head of state. But, we are asked to believe, it was all without Mr Cook's knowledge. Sir Thomas Legg's in-quiry cleared him of any wrongdoing, it seems. That, he hopes, is an end of it. Well, it shouldn't be.

Whether or not Sandline was implementing British poli-cy then, it is quite clear that it should be now. The Foreign Secretary should learn from the events of last year. The redeployment of mercenaries in this blighted nation would be an act of genuinely ethical foreign policy.

Sierra Leone is once again teetering between democracy and criminal dementia. Charles Taylor. Liberia's President. is trying to take over the country with a mercenary group much more sinister

than the Londonbased Sandline. He has hired 300 Ukrainians, along with other African dogs of war, in an effort to turn the nation into his private fieldom.

honour Mr Taylor and his henchmen plan from to get their hands on the country's Sandline enormously valuable resources of dia-

monds and rutile. They then propose to hand Sierra Leone. It is, in any case, power to their creatures in the extremely unlikely that the Revolutionary United Front (RUF). The RUF leader. Foday Sankoh, is on death row in Freetown for his past atrocities. There is a lot of competition for the title of Africa's most malevolent militia, but in this crowded field the RUF stands out.

Mr Sankoh's sidekick. Sam Bockarie, is a former hairdresser and professional disco-dancer turned butcher. He joined the opportunistic RUF thugs when a lorry carrying volunteers drove past him while he was idling at an Abidian bus stop four years ago. The antics of the RUF leaders, and their allies in the deposed junta forces, would be blackly comic in an Evelyn Waugh sense if they were not bleakly murderous on a mas-

Eastern Freetown has been razed by the rebels. Their scorched earth tactics and the staggering level of their atroci-ties blight much of this country. Yesterday the rebels were seen cutting off the hands of civilians fleeing their path. Refugees talk of wholesale slaughter by the rebels, piles of bodies in the streets, and all-night partying by drug-crazed pre-teen killers. The rebels have to be stopped, and

This is where Mr Cook can salvage a little honour from the Sandline affair. This week, while the British Government continued to put pressure on President Kabbah to negotiate with the rebels, British forces have been keeping a weather eye on matters. A brigadier, David Richards, carried out reconnaissance in Freetown and has returned to brief Mr

Cook's Cabinet committee. He is likely to convey the message from both Mr Kabbah and his West African allies in Ecomog. that a ceasefire and negotiations are out of the question while the rebels hold the diamond-rich East.

It is clear that jaw-jaw will not work if the rebels are allowed to maintain their grip on the diamond mines. The gems can be mined by anyone with a shovel. The rebels can generate tens of millions of pounds to fund their massa-cres. Talks while the rebels remain in possession of these resources will only strengthen the rebels' hands.

What the legitimate President and his allies need is air support to hit rebel bases from the rear. Without air support. Ecomog's armour and infantry can fight only a limited war of attrition, unable to strike behind the rebel lines.
It is in Britain's interest to

see that air support, and additional military muscle, are supplied. We have a moral duty to maintain the President whose election we backed. But this crisis affects more than one country. If the Ecomog forces were to lose on the battlefields of Sier-

ra Leone, a domino effect could harm Mr Cook progress throughcan now out West Africa. salvage Nigeria's own transition to democracy would be jeopard-

> Britain cannot help directly. It does not have the type of helicopter would be useful in

extremely unlikely that the Government would order Crown forces straight into an African bloodfest.

But there is an alternative. in 1997, President Kabbah had almost routed the rebels with the help of Executive Outnary company. With 146 soidiers of fortune and one M124 helicopter gunship, he had all but finished them off. But pressure from abroad forced the President to cancel that contract. As the mercenaries left, they predicted that Mr Kabbah's rule would last 90 days. He was ousted after 80.

ritain, and her Western 5 parmers, can now help Sierra Leone by hiring a company like Executive Outcomes, Sandline, or any one of a number of British security firms operating in Africa. Such an organisation could bring those badly needed helicopters to fight in Freetown and beyond. The Sierra Leone Government cannot afford to do so, in all honour, we cannot afford not

At no risk to British soldiers and equipment. Mr Cook can practise private-sector peacekeeping. He should authorise the deployment of mercenarles to help Ecomog to drive the rebels out of Sierra Leone. That, after all, is what the Foreign Office thought was a good idea a year ago. This time one can only hope that Mr Cook learns from the past, instead of trying to forget it.

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## The camera often lies

can see it already. "Paddy and Jane" is the true but tormented tale of a soldier turned politi-cian. This Wellingtonian figure is a man of dazzling but flawed genius. Told through the eyes of his former secretary, the film uses their affair as a metaphor of political turmoil. Paddy, portrayed by Ken-neth Branagh, is caught between wife and mistress, Labour and Tory. Charles Kennedy and Tony Blair. He draws on his SBS training to survive each crisis. We are assured that the sex scenes are "courageous and explicit . . . intended to convey a deeper kind of truth". Ten provincial reps are closed to supply the

Arts Council grant. The film Hilary and Jackie, initiated by the sister of Jacqueline du Pré, is a similar melodrama of rivalry and love. It is rescued from sentimentality only by Emily uent mercy dashes by Elgar. Whether the remorselessly unpleasant scenes are all true cannot be judged, since du Pre is dead. Most of her friends and admirers believe she has been defamed by an angst-ridden sister and brother-in-law. Certainly any shred of dignity or niceness has been edited out. This being a film. much is made of sex and the whole confection is called "true", a word almost devoid of meaning in movles. The film was incomprehensibly

subsidised by the British taxpayer. This is a road much trodden, and much littered with cant. Scholarly pens are sharpened over Shakepeare in Love, a film of Tom Stoppard's charming fiction that a randy Elizabethan poet called William Shakespeare had writer's block during a play called Romeo and Juliet. From this he was deliciously rescued by Gwyneth Paltrow, leaving us for ever in her debt. There is no evidence that any of this happened, but so what? Stoppard makes no claim to veracity. Nor does the dazzling designer-Tudor floorshow, Elizabeth, currently on general release. Some myths are invulnerable to correction.

There is no evidence for half of history, and even less for the hack history of the film industry. Gandhi was a travesty of the British Raj. Amadeus was not about the real Mozart. The Music Lovers was not about the real Tchaikovsky. Closer to our time, Oliver Stone's JFK gave a false account of the killing of Kennedy. Jim Sheridan's In the Name of the Father was a false account of the Guildford Four. The

"True story' films should carry a Mostly Untrue certificate from the censors

"true" portrait of C. S. Lewis in Shadowlands was mostly fiction. The "true story" of Schindler's List was unrecognisable to those who were present at the scenes depicted. The whole genre of docudrama, of faction, reconstruction and "based on" stories, treats real people and incidents as a mere raw material for directorial fancy. Yet such is the power of film that these versions will determine for ever how most people view their patch of history. Sir Thomas More will always be the

Man for All Seasons. The film-makers blow a raspberry to any complaint. We are artists, they cry. We can use lact any way we like. They are slaves to bees to be exploited and discarded. The monstrous regi-ment of historians. fact-checkers and pedants can get lost. Art need recognise no laws but those of its own genius. "What the imagination seizes as beauty must be truth." Or as Keats would have said

today, you can

we have the Arts Council I once wrote an article in which I unwittingly told an untruth about a public figure. I had suggested that he was present at a meeting when he was not and thus wrongly attributed to him an unworthy decision. The accusation was not grievous and no great harm was done. But I was wrong. Both the law and the code of practice required me to apologise and make amends. Even when racing the clock, journalists must build on a foundation of truth. I might have dismissed the complaint on the ground that mine was a work of art. I might have pleaded that my prose strove not after a sourious and small-minded accuracy, but after the "divine melodious truth" of the nightingale that is forever Fleet Street. I would

have been carried off to the Clink.

Carlton was recently fined an

astonishing £2 million by the Independent Television Commission for including fabricated material in a documentary on drug trafficking. "The deception," said the ITC, "involved a wholesale breach of trust between the programme-makers and the viewers." The company did not disagree, gulped and paid up. Film journalists who make offerings at the altar of history are tested by stern standards. Not so feature film-makers. I venture to suggest that if Carlton had sent its work round to

> would not have been fined for fabrication, but showered with praise and lottery cash. cobbler should stick to his last. Art's contribution to history is to reveal its hidden strands through the prism of fiction. The wrongs of British policy in Northern ireland were more

Channel 4 and clai-

med it to be a "true

story" art film, it

effectively exposed in The Crying Game than by Mr Sheridan's Guildford Four faction. The best study of Watergate was the

Washington Behind Closed Doors, not the many films depicting Nixon as a monster and purporting to tell "the touth". Admirers of du Pre know that the most moving evocation of a musician's struggle against multiple scierosis was in Tom Kempinski's fine play, Duet for One. For all the interviews given by the makers of Hilary and Jackie, their motive is unclear. If it was meant as a fictional study of the agony of genius, why drag a real person's character through the mud? If it was to be a biography of du Pré — as it seems to the public surely there was some obligation to

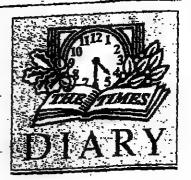
accuracy and balance? When art thus moves its tanks on to the lawn of truth, the defenders seem to turn and run. The sp-called drama documentaries by Stone and acts of public deception than the

Carlton documentary. They used fabricated scenes and dialogue. interest with documentary footage to imply as fact what they knew was fiction. Such falsity was said in both cases to be avowedly propagandist, to expose the falsity of others. These artists demand a licence to expose the lies of others. This is the ultimate trahison des clercs. In my view the same goes for the portrayal of du Pré as a genius of unredeemed

its imaginative powers and has to borrow real people from real life, it should accept the disciplines of history and journalism. These are not only the laws of tibel, but codes and protocols of accuracy, fairness and respect for the dignity and privacy of individuals, both living and dead. Of course journalism often falls far short of these disciplines, but it at least acknowledges a framework of self-discipline. Filmmakers respect nothing. Constrained only by laws against defaming living persons (letting Daniel Barenboim off the Hilary and Jackie hook), they can lie with impunity and without redress:

Art's rejoinder to this purism is to cry Censorship! It depends what we mean by the censor, a wolf who comes in many disguises. The ITC was "censoring" Carlton in fining i for its drugs story. The laws of libel and racial and religious discrimination are consorship. So too are those controlling copyright, advertising and public deception. On this basis alone the British Board of Film Classification should surely demand the removal of the words "true story" from films which are

blatantly nothing of the sort. At very least it should have a new MU-certificate meaning Mostly Untrue. Yet censorship is not the best it is the worst. The best defence is to declaim its lies from the rooftops. By all means let Hilary give her version of her sister's sad tale, if she must By all means add in the sex, the profanity, the terminal illness and Elgar's Cello Concerto, if they are the only means to an audience. By all means call the product art. But the rest of us need not stand on the ceremony of that art. Truth comes first: If film-makers claim a licence to damn the living and the dead. they must get damnation in return.



## Baby.

BABY BALLS are to be taken to the heart of the Labour Establishment. Its most glamorous couple are about to embark on the founding of a dynasty. Yvette Cooper (right) wife of Ed Balls. Gordon Brown's sharpshooter, is expecting in June.
The MP is the latest "Blair habe"

to reproduce. She follows Claire Curtis Thomas. Debra Shipley, Jacqui Smith and Ruth Kelly (left). Yvette purs: "This year is going to be big for Ed and me. We are really pleased. The only problem is I couldn't drink much over Christmas to celebrate."

Ever a power person, Cooper has told her local party she will campaign in the European elections until she drops. Poor baby,



■ KATE THORNTON of Top of the Pops pedigree has attacked genteel Cheltenham. She suggests that the twee spa town is really home for white trash. "Not being pregnant by 14 made me stand out," she says. "I suffered bulking When I go I suffered bullying. When I go back home I trive past those people is in my nice ca. I see them pushing their buggies and I think Well. who's the smart one?"."

#### Tory benefit:

KNOW a Conservative in need? A fund for distressed Tory folk is being wound up by Sir Archibald Hamilton's 1922 Committee. The search has started for worthy final recipients and as the party lost 17i seats last time there could be a few takers. The fund was established in 1975 "to help former Tory members and their surviving spouses who find themselves in difficulty". Marion Roe, MP, chief pension officer, says: The House has its own arrangements now. We are looking to distribute the balance, so anyone who knows of worthy

· A PORTRAIT of Hitler by that thirsty dog, Sir Nicholas Fair-bairn, is being flogged by his widow. It's a riot of missing features mired in yellow and blue. Lady Sam became chief beneficiary of Nicky's will on his deathbed, at the expense of his daughters. Lady S is to emigrate to Mexico having enjoyed a stint in a drying-out clinic. Life threatens to be economical: the work should raise £60.

causes, contact us." Make the

queue orderly now, please.



#### Euro stars?

WILL the Ashdowns join that other couple in Brussels who never made it, the Kinnocks? Tony Blair, I hear, has suggested to Paddy that should he want Sir Leon Brittan's job at the Euro Commission, it is his. Although one of the Brussels sine-cures normally goes to a Tory, it is not obligatory.
.. Also uncertain about his future:

dear Alan Beith. He has campaigned discreetly to replace Betty Boothroyd as Speaker. After Wednesday's news, he made it clear that "now is not the time" to discuss the succession - code, I feel, for "I'm mad for it".

 UNLIKELY cronies. Alan Clark tells me he "adores" that gentle soul Alastair Campbell and thinks he should be PM". Well, he almost is. The admiration is returned. Campbell has been heard to say that he knows what the Tories think as he has "spoken to Al — the only one with a brain".

#### Odd couple

SHOULD be fun to see how Lord Wakeham and Gerald Kauman rub along on the Lords Royal Commission. The two clashed a year ago, when Gerald ventured that John was a "emuch" while Wakeham said the MP was "a expert at offensive remarks". .

JASPER GERARD

#### 'Proud, patriotic, high-minded and diligent — unmistakably British down to his bowler hat and blazer'

efining what makes Brits British is the latest trivial pursuit for politicians. An historical criterion for Britishness uses things that we are all supposed to do together. such as bumping on horseback after foxes, despising the French and hating the Pope. We might call this the unification principle. But its flaw is that today at least as many Brits shudder at foxhunters, admire the French and revere the Pope.

A better criterion for Britishness is the insularity principle. This selects the things that Britons do that nobody else in the world would dream of copying, like cold baths in midwinter. regimental blazers with brass buttons and opening the bedroom window at night, especially when there is a freezing gale.

I. Bread pudding. We find this mess of bread, hot milk and cloves essential for eating with birds. Nobody else in the world agrees with us.

2. There are many similar national delicacies that define Britishness: Marmite, kippers. plum pudding, fish and chips soaked in vinegar, mushy peas. bloaters, mint sauce with lamb, "Gentleman's relish" and all other such fish pastes, pork scratchings, powdered custard. digestive biscuits half covered in

chemical chocolate. 3. Lesser breeds celebrate Christmas with foic gras and oysters. Chateaubriand and venison, and other unseasonal foods. Americans eat their native bird for Thanksgiving, cooked with style and cranberries. Only the British fortify the cottonwool fowl for Christmas with chipolata sausages and Brussels

4. Only the British guzzle Brussels sprouts. Not even the Belgians will touch them. 5. It is a cliché that

Britons drink beer at warmer than room temperature while standing up. But if we do secure a stool custom to spread our elbows and conversation to block anyone else from approaching the bar to

give his order. More authoritarian countries would arrange to serve beer at tables, or at least paint 6ft of the bar red to keep it clear for orders. 6. Of course Britons invented

team sports and games. Other nations are better at them today." A surprising number of them play cricket. But we are unrivalled at the stupidity, cheating and venality of our sportsmen. the egos, bungs and incompe-

tence of our sports administrators, and the tribal behaviour of supporters. The only sport that no-body in the world bothers to play other

than us is emquet. 7. Pantomine is alien to aliens it may be descended from the commedia delicate and echo the last enchantments of the music.

hall. But it has declined a long way from them. Foreigners find pantomime absurd, coarse, distasteful and incomprehensible. 8. Who but the British would

pay even a penny for crackers? What sentient being enjoys wearing a paper hat reading a pathetic motto, blowing a whistic. throwing streamers and receiving a free gift of plastic of no ascertainable purpose?

9. Other nations send their naughty children to boarding school and regard teaching as a noble profession. The British send away their richest, most privileged and most socially upwardly mobile little darlings.

10. Only the Brits would dream of wearing bowler hats (mainly in Ulster these days, with rolled umbrella). Ulsters, scratchy tweed knickerbockers. green (now yellow) wellies, club ties of distasteful colours such as MCC, and collar pins. These are all intended as marks of tribal distinction. They show that the wearer belongs to something, and more important, that you are excluded. Englishwomen wear tweed nightdresses to show that bed is for the serious business of snoring on-a hot water boule, not for decadent

continental hanky panky. II. At his best the Briton can be high-minded diligent patriotic.

proud, humorous and virtuous. At his worst the Briton can be virtuous, humorous, proud, patri-otic, diligent and high-minded. 12. It is remarkable that no other nations copy us in these or other insular particularities, such as the peerage and the horridly unfair custom of primogeniture. But that is their bad luck. The banal conclusion to the popular quest for Britishness is that our mongrel peoples include every peculiarity under the sun. That foreigners are odd. Shakespeare defined us. "England, hedged in with the main. I That water-walled bulwark, still secure/ And confident from foreign purposes. There is the Chunnel now, And we have become less xenophobic. Some of us can like foreigners, even if they are not waiters or an pairs. But the defining characteristic of Britishness is still smug, dony

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### THE POTENT TAXPAYER

Viagra sparks a welcome debate on who pays for what

A diamond-shaped blue pill has stimulated prolong sufferers' lives by three to six a long overdue debate about the National Health Service. By proposing that the anti-impotence drug Viagra should be restricted to men with serious disabilities. the Health Secretary, Frank Dobson, has implicitly accepted what others have long acknowledged: treatments provided by the NHS need to be rationed by means beyond that of the waiting list. A Health Secretary is now openly meddling with doctors' freedom to prescribe according to clinical need. He is limiting patients universal right to free treatment. For this Mr Dobson deserves praise. Instead of protesting, the medical profession should help Mr Dobson to devise new, fresh ideas about how to fund the NHS and meet public demand.

A worthwhile debate demands candour. As recently as Monday Mr Dobson stated that treatment is given "according to individual need, not a preordained entitlement" - a view to which yesterday's decision runs counter. Doctors should acknowledge that, as there are not limitless resources to fund the NHS, setting priorities is necessary. The question is who should set them, and on what terms? Are contraceptives, or treatments to tackle obesity, to be classed as "lifestyle drugs", despite the public and medical good they may bring? And who is in a position to ordain that a man with six months to live should not be given an expensive new drug that might give him another year of life on the ground of cost alone?

These decisions are already being taken in a confused, chaotic manner and behind closed Whitehall and health authority doors. So-called "postcode prescribing", where a treatment is available under one health authority but not another, appears to be an established practice. In East Norfolk, doctors are allowed to prescribe a drug for motor neurone disease that can

months. In neighbouring Suffolk, patients have to pay for it themselves. Universality of provision may be a good political catch-phrase but it rings hollow in a growing number of regions.

The emergence of new drugs and the genetics revolution threaten to exacerbate this problem. The Government hopes to pass other difficult decisions to the new National Institute for Clinical Excellence. This body's task is to iron out inconsistencies in health provision by judging whether new drugs should be available on the NHS on the grounds of efficacy, and then provide national clinical guidance. While national guidelines will be welcome, decisions affecting patients will be taken by remote government advisers, not doctors or surgeons. Ministers cannot expect that this new quango will address the fundamental conundrum: however much taxpayers' money is spent on health, the public's expectations will never be met. Rationing cannot be addressed by ministers wondering "how can we provide the best service?". Instead, they should be asking "What is the public prepared to pay for and how?"

Mr Dobson should consider health systems in other countries, where people are required to pay for some or all of their treatment depending on medical need: serious illnesses are treated free, while inessential drugs must be paid for. The Government should encourage individuals to take more responsibility for their own wellbeing by encouraging private medical insurance. In a more transparent system, where people are insured against misfortune, the prospect of paying for prescriptions is less likely to provoke such dismay. So long as the public is shielded from the true costs of treatment, the demands on the NHS will go on soaring, leaving Mr Dobson impotent to respond.

#### **JUST JUDGES**

#### Zimbabwe's courts take liberty's side against torturers

Zimbabwean journalists by the military is chilling. The Government of President-Mugabe has never been tolerant of dissent. But it seems increasingly ready to use unlawful intimidation against its growing number of critics. Yet the journalists' appalling treatment has also elicited vigorous protest from churches, unions and intellectuals and brought out the best the courts. Mark Chavunduka, the Editor of Zimbabwe's leading independent newspaper. The Standard, and Ray Choto. a senior Standard reporter, probably owe their lives to the perseverance of their publisher, Clive Wilson, and their lawyer, and to the determination of two brave judges to uphold the law.

The two men still face trial, under a section of the 1960 Law and Order Maintenance Act framed under white rule with the express purpose of suppressing freedom of speech, for causing "alarm and despondency". All charges should now be dropped. The journalists have been subjected to hideous tortures, including electric shocks, burns, beatings and the "submarine" method-of water suffocation. The accuracy or otherwise of the Standard's news report, by which both stand, that 23 soldiers had been arrested for inciting others to a military coup is a minor matter compared with the flagrant contempt of court shown not only by the military who detained them, but by Moven Mahachi,

Zimbabwe's powerful Defence Minister. Under Zimbabwean law, civilians suspected of an offence can be arrested only by the police, who must grant them access to a lawyer and their family and produce them in court to be charged within 48 hours. Last. Thursday, two days after Mr Chavunduka and threatening than it already is.

The illegal detention and torture of two was detained by the military and held incommunicado, Judge George Smith ruled in the High Court that the military had no jurisdiction over him and ordered his release. The Defence Ministry refused, handing him over to police custody only on Monday, after Judge James DeVittie announced that if he was not brought to court he would order the arrest of Mr Mahachi and his principal aide that night. give himself up to the police; the military seized both men and tortured them continuously for 24 hours in an attempt to force them to divulge their sources.

Mr Choto believed his torturers when they told him that the President had signed his death warrant. What all Zimbabweans believe is that Mr Mahachi, who is close to Mr Mugabe, would not have defied the courts unless he believed that he had the President's approval. Mr Mugabe keeps his Cabinet on a tight rein. Many will also believe that the news report must have had real substance to provoke so extreme a reaction. This has not been confined to The Standard; police in the southern town of Masyingo have arrested an officer of the feared Central Intelligence Organisation for beating up journalists in three news organisations. The ill-paid military's discontent, whichis common knowledge, has been sharpened by its heavy casualties in the deeply unpopular Zimbabwean mili-

tary intervention in Congo's civil war. President Mugabe's only credible course now is to dismiss his Defence Minister, court-martial the soldiers concerned and drop all charges against The Standard. Unless he disowns this disgraceful act, he will be indelibly associated with it, and his. fin de règne will become more unstable

#### **WORLD WIDE HONOUR**

The new and lasting memorial of the Web

When they were buried, their memory was kept alive by the most enduring means known to man - with simple lettering in stone above their graves. Line after line of such headstone is ranged in French and Belgian war cemeteries. Where there was once mud, rubble and blood, there are now some of the world's most poignant resting places, where Commonwealth soldiers who fell in two world wars lie buried. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission promised that "their name liveth for evermore". But time and distance have separated families from the records of their

long-fallen loved ones. The commission has now made imaginative use of a new and unexpected tool for tracing and remembering those who fell, the Internet. Since the Debt of Honour Register was posted on the net just before Armistice Day, more than four million people have visited the site. The Commission has been flooded with follow-up inquiries. In the first ten days alone, some 250,000 people from all over the world sought details of relatives and long-fallen friends. Interest has also been stimulated by the recent wave of books and films about the First World War, the moving interviews with the last members of the generation that fought in the trenches and last November's commemorations of the 80th anniversary of the Armistice.

The Commonwealth War Graves Com-

mission has deservedly earned praise over the years for the meticulous care with which it tends the graves of 1.78 million soldiers who lie in 3,000 foreign fields in some 150 countries. When it was established, it took the early and controversial decision that in the remembrance of death all are equal. No family was allowed to purchase a larger plot, no Briton to have a better headstone than a subject soldier from the Empire, no officer to be marked out from his men.

The commission's Internet site has properly preserved this spirit. Each entry has the same format, dignity and accompanying history. Each upholds the promise to 'defeat the oblivion of time".

History best comes alive when it touches human lives. Family history is often lost in a modern world where neighbourhoods are more likely to change and younger generations less likely to keep in touch. Family Bibles are rarer and parish records less comprehensive. Yet the need to trace our roots is as strong as ever. So, too, is the yearning to unravel the mysteries of how missing relatives died and what happened to the uncles and grandfathers who went to war and never returned. Searches that used to take years are now possible in a trice; questions can be answered and pride in sacrifice rekindled. For this, as for its unstinting work in tending the dead, the commission deserves high praise.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### MEPs' power and will to censure the Commission

From Mr Roy Perry, MEP for Wight and Hampshire South (European People's Party Group (Conservative))

Sir, The analysis by William Rees-Mogg of the role played by Labour MEPs, most especially Pauline Green, in actually saving the present European Commission was particularly sharp (article, January 18; see also letters, January 16). Mrs Green indeed said at the very outset that she tabled a censure motion with the intention to your against it. No one can be surprised that she ultimately applied the tactic of withdrawing her

However, Mr Blair has another option to show whether he really believes Mme Cresson or Señor Marin have fallen short of the standards expected of them. Under Clause 160 of the Treaty of Rome the Council may apply to the European Court of Justice to compulsorily retire a commissioner. That is a power so far denied to the Parliament.

It is a pity that, unlike the European Parliament which is at least open in its processes, the Council of Ministers is totally closed and we need never know whether Tony Blair or any of the other ministers has the courage to make such a move.

Yours faithfully, ROY J. PERRY, Tarrants Farmhouse, West Wellow, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 6DA. January 18.

From Mrs Pavline Latham

Sir, I was in Strasbourg for the whole of last week, shadowing the Conserva-tive MEP, Giles Chichester. I witnessed at first hand not only an MEP's way of life but also what happened during the week, culminat-

Pinochet supporters

From Señor Sebastián Aliaina

Sir. We write on behalf of 34 pro-

Pinochet demonstrators (report, Janu-

ary 19). We have been standing

outside the British Houses of Parlia-

ment in order to make it clear to the

British law lords and the British

authorities that many Chileans want

General Pinochet freed, so that the

reconciliation process in Chile can

We are not being paid to participate

in this demonstration of support. We

were able to achieve low-price air

fares and accommodation by travel-

ments were negotiated by pro-Pino-

The money we are spending is a lot

more worthwhile than the British

taxpayers' money that is being wasted

supporting the Spanish Govern-

ment's attempt to extradite the man

who brought back democracy to

continue undamaged.

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chet groups in Chile.

Yours faithfully

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'Shaming' of doctor

From Dr Robert M. H. Lefever

Sir, I am no defender of doctors. Next

week I am giving evidence to the Gen-eral Medical Council in the case of a

doctor against whom I myself have

brought a complaint for malpractice.

case of Dr William Cuthbert (report,

January 20) who was "named and shamed" by the Commons Public

Administration Select Committee. He

has already expressed deep remorse

for his error of clinical judgment in

this particular case and has apolo-

gised several times. What more do they want? The end of his career?

Sir, Your leading article (January 8) says "Britain could have ruled Africa

better and left it better, and the High

Commissioner of Kenya (lener, Jan-

uary 13) accuses those who colonised

Africa of "eliminating native popula-

tions and the outright suppression of

basic human rights". In fact, British

governments over many years were

engaged in preparing African coun-

tries for independence; what other

You also rightly draw attention to

Africans' courageous opposition to-

day "in the judiciary and the Chur-

ches, parts of the hounded press and

many a village" to misrule. Is such op-

Christianity, justice, democracy.

education, journalism and advances

in medicine, as well as political and

economic development, were all part

of the legacy. In Liganda, for example,

we ruled for only 68 years from the

declaration of the protectorate in 1894

to independence in 1962. Now. 37

years later, it might be concluded that

we could have left Uganda better if we

Many Ugandans, and Kenyans too.

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had left it later.

position not part of Britain's legacy?

Empire has adopted such a policy?

ROBERT LEFEVER

Africa's legacy

From Mr Alan Forward

January 20.

2a Pelham Street, SW7 3HU.

However, I am concerned by the

and others

ing in the vote on Thursday on whether to consure the Commission. National governments did indeed put enormous pressure on their MEPs not to vote for the motion of

censure. The Socialist group in the European Parliament, led by British Labour MEP, Pauline Green, withdrew rather than upset their friends. The resolve of the Conservative MEPs, led by Edward McMillan-

Scott, did not waver. They voted for censure because they do not believe that fraud and mismanagement should be condoned. I'm sure that, if voters think that our Labour MEPs are happy to sweep things under the carpet, they will re-examine their loyalties at the European elections in June and prefer

to endorse the decisive, clear line on

fraud demonstrated by the Conservative MEPs. Yours faithfully, PAULINE LATHAM (Prospective Conservative European Parliamentary Candidate for the East Midlandsi, Hierons Wood, Vicarage Lane, Little Eason, Derby DE21 5EA.

From Mr Peter R. Wiles

January 18.

Sir, The European Parliament had an opportunity to widen its powers and control over the Commission last week, and flunked it.

The Government is busy ensuring that we voters won't have the opportunity to vote for MEPs who may take a more robust line in future. Our best riposte is to let the next lot be elected on a turnour of under 10 per cent. Members of political parties might want to drag themselves to the polling booths to vote for their party's list, but I can't for the life of me see why anyone else should bother.

Yours faithfully. PETER R. WILES, 33 Pinewoods, Church Asion, Newport, Shropshire TF10 9LN. peter.wiles@iclweb.com

From Mr Alf Lomas, MEP for London North East (Party of European Socialists Group

Sir, I agree largely with the article by William Rees-Mogg but, when he criticised Labour MEPs for voting against the motion of censure on the Commission, he might have menrioned that there were five who did not obey the whip.
Three Labour MEPs, including

myself, voted for the motion of censure and two others abstained. Not many, I concede, but there are still a few free spirits left.

Yours sincerely, ALF LOMAS, Ground Floor, Queensway House, Stratford, E15 ZTF. January 19.

From Mr Norman Shelmerdine

Sir, The British Government should immediately stop all financial pay-ments to the Commission until such time as adequate controls are in force. The problem would soon be re-

solved, especially if other similar-minded countries follow our lead. Yours faithfully, N. A. SHELMERDINE, Bracken. St Catherines, Hook Heath, Woking,

### Surrey GU22 OHW.

Rising through the Army ranks

From Major-General John Stokoe, Deputy Commander-in-Chief,

Sir, Mr John Douce's letter (January 12; see also letters, January 18) has prompted me to contribute to the ill-informed debate begun by Major Eric Joyce, in which the latter alleges that the Army is officered by a senior social "elite". This is not the Army I recognise and is not the one in which I

I find little of real substance in Major Joyce's sterile and outdated thesis. I attended a state grammar school before joining the Array as a 15-year-old apprentice in 1963. After three years I graduated to the Regular Army as a Lance Corporal, achieving a place at the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst a year later and a subsequent commission. Thirty years on. and Si years old, I am a Major-General - a position gained on merit pursuing a career I have enjoyed to the full. There are many ex-boy soldiers leading equally fulfilling careers as commissioned officers.

I relate this to demonstrate that the Army is a true meritocracy where men and women succeed entirely on ability.

I am shortly to join the board of the new Army Foundation College at Harrogate, where I served my apprenticeship when it was an apprentice college. I can think of no more satisfying a task than to be involved in a college which is training high-quality young men and women from many diverse backgrounds, knowing,

through personal experience, that

amongst them will be some of our

future senior officers. Yours etc. JOHN STOKOE. Erskine Barracks. Wilton, Salisbury SP2 OAG.

From Lance Corporal P. Sichel (retd) Sir. Colonel Charles Wilson (retd) states that "nothing stands in the way of every man in the Army reaching his ceiling". Very probably true, but who determines the altitude of the ceiling? Probably the very same people who

Yours faithfully. PETER SICHÉL 130 Watting Street, Wellington. Telford, Shropshire TF1 2NH, sichel@globalnet.co.uk January 18.

have always done so.

#### Lessons on longevity

From Professor R. A. Weale

Sir. Neither your excellent two-page feature, "Time to stop the tyranny of ageism", nor your amusing leading article, "Ever young" (both January 11), so much as hints at the fact that one of the most ageist institutions at the present time is the NHS.

Medical records show the patient's name followed by his/her date of birth. One may well ask what this piece of information is intended to convey. As a device for facilitating a diagnosis it must be suspect, and as one for inducing stereotypical thinking it should be deprecated.

Chronological and biological ages rarely coincide, and patients would be better served by judgments based on the latter, even if this means a greater demand on the medical thought processes or even a change in clinical

may well agree that some three or

four more years of internal self-

government might have set their

countries on a steadier course after

independence.

The Lindens.

January 18.

Yours faithfully

ALAN FORWARD

(Private Secretary to the

From Mr O. S. Knowles

much that needed saying.

Governor of Liganda, 1962).

Poyntington, Dorset DT9 4LF.

Sir. Your leading article contained

Laurens van der Post - who as an

Afrikaner had no particular reason to

love the British - described the Brit-

ish Empire as the nearest to a Platonic

system of government that the world

has ever seen. This verdict was largely

earned by a small body of men who

maintained a remarkably high stand-

ard of integrity and led from the front.

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be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

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training. The worship of the calendar extends to relatively trivial fields.

Professor Tom Kirkwood expresses some concern about his eyesight. Your photograph suggests that he is short-sighted; even so, in a few years he may need reading glasses, and it is very probable that they will not be prescribed on the basis of his visual need but on his chronological age.

The key to this is a set of tables based on outmoded and heavily criticised data obtained by an American eye specialist during the first quarter of this century. When Professor Kirkwood starts needing reading glasses, and is asked his age, his reply should be that he has forgotten.

Yours very truly. R. A. WEALE, King's College London. Cornwall House, Waterloo Road, SEI 8WA. January 12.

The Northern Province of Kenya. for instance, is today the scene of much banditry, murders and cattle-raiding; yet for the 30 or 40 years preceding the country's independence the province was controlled by no more than 20 administrators and a few police officers, who spent much of their time on safari showing the flag and stamping out small outbreaks of lawlessness before they spread.

There are no quick or easy solutions to the problems of African government. If the opposition is potentially: corrupt, democracy will not help, though a free press will. The only solution is to teach the principles of good government in schools, universities, churches, and on the job.

It is little use for Western governments to try to beat African countries into shape with sticks. Aid should be focused on teaching good government - together with family planning, to ensure that the rate of population growth does not exceed the rate of economic growth.

Yours etc. O. S. KNOWLES (Acting Permanent Secretary, Kenya Ministry of Finance, 1967). 11 Cuxham Road, Watlington, Oxfordshire OX9 5JW. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

#### Voluntary code to check on nannies

From the Editor of The Professional Nanny

Sir, Before their experiences with a bultmic Australian (article, "Why parents must be wary", January 19). Joe Joseph's family had employed a "string of wonderfully reliable" nannies and this one's immediate predecessor had been "brilliant". However, it was the problems of this one nanny that merited publicity - good

nannies are simply not newsworthy. The Government's newly announced voluntary code will only go some way towards boosting nannies' status. A Kitemark will be awarded to agencies which guarantee to interview nannies face-to-face and check their CVs and references - formalising a procedure many agencies already insist on and good nannies are more than happy to submit to.

The fact remains that many parents still either do not use agencies or employ inappropriate forms of childcare. such as an au pair or mother's help, to do a nanny's job. When something goes wrong the press is once again full of "nanny from hell" stories.

This does not, of course, diminish the sheer awfulness of the Sullivan case, nor of any other case where a child is damaged by her carer. Most nannies, however, see themselves as professionals and despair of the way in which their profession is portrayed in the media.

Yours faithfully, JUDITH CALVER, Editor, The Professional Nanny, Admiral House, 66-68 East Smithfield, El 9XY. judith.calver@zetnet.co.uk January 19.

#### Du Pré film

From Mr John Burgess

Sir. There needs to be no special pleading by Julian Lloyd Webber and his co-signatories on behalf of the late Jacqueline du Pré (letter, January 20: features, January 21). Her contribution to music is quite unsullied and fortunately available for all to hear; her sex life and character, although possibly colourful and flawed respectively, are not relevant to her musi-cianship or lifetime achievement.

However, musicians, particularly those with a high public profile, run the same risks as politicians in conducting their private lives. They should beware of the risks they run and either moderate their behavlour. or take the appropriate precautions to ensure continuing confidentiality.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully JOHN BURGESS. 65 Ham Close, Holt, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BAI 4PY. jbwrgess@jblight.force9.co.uk January 20.

From the Chief Executive of Film Four Ltd

Sir, Julian Lloyd Webber and others object in their letter today to the portrayal of Jacqueline du Pre in the film Hilary and Jackie. This organisation co-financed the film, and our records indicate that four of the six signatories have not actually seen it.

would suggest that people make their own minds up as to the quality. success and, in particular, tone of the film rather than be swayed by the prejudices of others.

Yours etc. PAUL WEBSTER, Chief Executive, Film Four Ltd. 124 Horseferry Road, SWIP ZTX. January 20.

#### After Ashdown

From Mr Rhodri Morgan, MP for Cardiff West (Labour)

Sir. Following the departure of Paddy Ashdown as its leader (reports and leading article, January 21), can we expect that the Liberal Democrat Party under his successor will change its policy of "constructive opposition" to the Government to one of destructive co-operation?

RHODRI MORGAN. House of Commons. January 2i.

#### Chambers wit

From Ms Helen Grayson

Sir, My favourite entry in Chambers (letters, January 12, 18, and 19) is the one for Japanese cedar: "A very tail Japanese conifer (Cryptomeria japonica) often dwarfed by Japanese gar-

Yours faithfully. HELEN GRAYSON, 39 St James Terrace, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 5OT. pcaulfield@cix.compulink.co.uk

From Mr Adam Ogilvie-Smith

Sir, My edition of Chambers Dictionary notes that a picture restorer is someone who "cleans and restores and sometimes ruins old pictures".

Yours faithfully. ADAM OGILVIE-SMITH, Hyde House, Longworth. Oxfordshire OX13 5HH. January 21.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 21: The Prince Edward, President, The Children's Film Unit, this afternoon attended a Lunch at Saarchi and Saarchi Cause Connection. 80 Charlotte Street, London W1.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January ZI: The Princess Royal, Colonel, The Blues and Royals. this morning visited Hyde Park Barracks, Knightsbridge, London Her Royal Highness, President

of Patrons, Crime Concern. today anended the Pru Youth Action Luncheon. Prudential. 142 Hol-born Bars, London ECI. KENSINGTON PALACE January 21: The Duke of Glouces

ter this afternoon visited AJEX Housing Association at AJEX House Stamford Hill, London NIA.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will visit Philip Carr Marketing, Long Rock, Per-zance, Cornwall, at 10.00; will visit the Humphry Davy School.
Coombe Read, Perzance, at 10.45
and will open new buildings; will
open St. Julia's Hospice at St.
Michael's Hospital, Trelissick
Road, Hayle, at noon; will open the Cornwall College, Pool, Redruth, at 1.15; and will visit Classic Cottages, Leslie House, Lady Street, Helston, at 2.50.

The Duke of Kent, as president, Royal Institution of Great Britain, will attend the evening discourse by Professor Susan Greenfield at 21 Albemarie Street, London WI, at

#### Robert Armitage

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Robert Armitage will be beld at Christ Church, Chelsea, on Thursday, January 28, 1999, at

Birthdays today

Viscount Bearstead, 49: Miss Mary Hayley Bell (Lady (John) Mills), playwright, 88: Mr Nigel Benn, boxer, 35: Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, 74: Lord Cottes-ice, 72: Sir John Cotton, former diplomat, 90: Sir Charles Davis, former Convent to the Speaker 90: diplomat, 90: Sir Chartes Davis, former Counsel to the Speaker, 90: Sir Simon Day, farmer, 64: Mr George Foreman, honer, 51; Judge Ann Goddard, QC. 63: Miss Margarer Hall, head of design. British Museum, 63; Professor Cyril Hogarth, physicist, 75; Lord Hughes, 82: Mr John Huri, actor, 59; Mr John Last, arts paron, 59; Paragrant Legistrated, 75: Mr 20th. Baroness Lockwood, 75: Mr Rich-Baroness Lockwood, 73, MT ktch-ard Osmond, former company secretary, Post Office, 52, Sir Alfred Ramsey, Jorner manager, England's World Cup football leam, 79, Mrs Claire Rayner, writer and broadcaster, 68, Mrs Gillian Shephard, MP, 59, Sir Michael Spicer, MP, 56, Mr William Spezy, Imper Headmas-William Spray, former Headmas-ter, Leighton Park School, 78: Sir Hilary Talbot, former High Court judge, 87; Lord Wardington, 75; Sir Graham Wilkins, former chair-man, Thorn EMI, 75.

#### **Dinners**

Lastitute of Physics Sir Gareth Roberts, FRS, President of the Institute of Physics, presided at the annual awards dinner held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr David Poner, Chairman of Psion, was the principal guest and speak-er. Afterwards the president presenied the institute's medals and prizes for 1998 to:

prizes for 1998 to:
Professor G.E. Bacon, CPhys,
FinstP: Dr J. Forshaw, CPhys,
MinstP: Professor J.E. Harries,
FRoyMetSoc, CPhys, FlostP: Dr
T.G. Harvey, CPhys, MinstP:
Professor P.L. Knight, CPhys,
FinstP: Professor C.H. Lieweilyn
Smith, CPhys, FinstP. FRS; Ms A
Macdonald, CPhys, FinstP. Professor I.C. Percival, FRS; Dr J A Scott,
CPhys, FinstP; Mr R. Watton.

Honorary Fellowships were be-stowed upon Professor A.J. Leg-gen, FRS, and Sir Roger Penrose. FRS. Among others present were FRS. Authoring others present were land lady McCardny, Sir David Device, PKS, and Lady Flowers, Lord and Lady McCardny, Sir David Device, Sir Roper Elliott, PKS, Sir Asron King, GMA, FRS, and Lady Ling. Sir John and Lady Mason, Sir Michael and Lady Moore, Lady Pennose, Sir Bintari Arphanett, FRS, Sir Bintari Sylaes, FRS, and Lady Sylaes, Sir Devize Wilkinson, FRS, and Lady Sylaes, Sir Devize Wilkinson, The Masser of the Company of Scientific Instituted Malors, the President of the Societie Francaise de Physique, the President of Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschafe, the Chief Eventime of EPSNC, the President of the Institution of Chemical Engineers, the

President of the Institute of Acoustics, the President of the Geological Society, the First Connection at the German Embassy, the President of the Institute of Memericals, the Institute of the Institute of Memericals, the Institute of the Development of the Reyal Institution the Chief James of PARKS, the President and the Society of Chemistry, the Chairman of Save British Science, the President of the Institute of Physics of Engineering in Medicine, the President of the Institute of Physics of Engineering in Medicine, the President of the Institute of Physics of Engineering in Medicine, the President of the Institute of Association of Chief.

Mr Graham Ross Russell, Chairman of the Securities Institute, presided at a dimer of the Institute held last night at the Charterhouse in honour of Mr Tim Nicholson.a.

Securities Institute

Chambers of Andrew Thompson

& David Gay
The Chambers of Andrew Thompson & David Guy held a Dinner in the Middle Temple on Jamuary 15 to mark the 90th Birthday of His Honour Thomas Dewar Gamary 5) whose health was proposed by Alan Tyrell, QC. His Honour chambers spoke.

#### Appointments

Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, and Mr Richard Baker are to be Patrons of the St Albans International Organ Festival.

### Green Howards ask American rebels for their silver back

By PAUL WILKINSON

to investigate.

may even have some of the

one of the few remaining

units of the British Army

which have never been amai-

gated with another regiment.

ed in 1921, although it originat-

ed in the 1740s as a nickname.

when units took their names

from their commanding offic-

er. They were dubbed Howard's Greens after the

green facings of their scarlet

uniform tunic, to differentiate

them from the 3rd Foot which

also had a colonel called

Howard. As the 3rd's facings

were buff they became

Howard's Buffs, later immor-

talised in the phrase "Steady

The present title was adopt-

The Green Howards are

silver in their bank vaults."

ONE of the British Army's oldest infantry units is seeking the return of lost regimental silverware, looted by American separatists during the War of Independence more

than 200 years ago. The Green Howards believe that part of the collection might still survive on show in the homes of descendants of the colonists who rebelled against King George III. The regimental museum at

its base in Richmond, North Yorkshire, contains nothing which predates the Revolutionary War, even though the unit was formed in 1688. It has now enlisted the help of an American lawyer to trace the

missing silverware.
Roger Chapman, a retired major who is the museum's development officer, said: "It would be nice if it could be traced and returned, but realistically this is just a research project to find out if it still exists and where it is."

The plate, vases and tro-phies, along with a payroll of 800 silver dollars and chesis containing the personal valuables of the officers, was in the regiment's baggage train as it forced its way through inhos-pitable marshlands in South Carolina. Known then as the 19th Regiment of Foot, it had only recently arrived in America as part of a force sent to relieve the garrison at Fort Star, north of the state capital. Charleston.

The regiment had won a victory over rebels at Monck's Corner, but on July 16, 1781, as it returned to Charleston, it was ambushed by American patriots under the command of General Thomas Sumter, a local bero after whom Fort Sumter was later named. He was famous for his leadership against the British and known as "The Carolina Gamecock".

After the battle some of the



An exching of a Green Howards grenadier dating from 1781 when the regimental silver was stolen;



A reproduction ammunition pouch crest from 1781

#### Admiral Arthur Phillip

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayor-ess, accompanied by Mr Sheriff and Mrs Brian Harris, attended and Mrs Brian Harris, attended the annual Admiral Arrhur Phillip commernoration service field yesterday at St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Admiral Str Peter Gadsden, Chearman of the Britain-Australia Bicentennial Trust and President of the Australia and New Zealand Chamber of Commerce (UK), read the lesson. Mr David Wickham, Archivist of the Continuology Commerce. vist of the Clothworkers' Company, gave an address. The Deputy High Commissioner for Australia was among those present. A function was held afterwards at Grocers' Hall.

#### Meeting

Plumbers' Company Mr Edward Hopkinson, Master of student Mr Peter Johnston of Honorary Freedom of the

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Francis Bacon, Viscount 1909.

#### 1963-69; San Antonio, Texas, 1973; The Accession of Edward VII, 1901. The UK, Irish Republic and Octomark joined the Common

Union Lady Boyd was the speaker at an English-Speaking Union literary evening held last night at Dart-mouth House. Baroness Beig-

### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr N.S. Archer and Miss E.M. Power

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Stewart Archer, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Erica, younger daughter of Mr Michael Power, of Carley, Wiltshire, and Mrs Margaret Lucas, of Camstock, Dorset.

Mr J.G.G. Beaumont and Miss J.S. Baines The engagement is announced between Justin, elder son of

the Hon M.H. Beaumont, of Northumberland, and Mrs A.F. Maitland, of London, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Baines, of North Yorkshire.

Mr CO. Bridgeman and Miss C.L.A. Maynahan The engagement is announced between Constantine, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Dick Bridgeman of Cattleman and Bridgeman, of Castlenau, and Katin daughter of Mr and Mrs Bidan Moynaban, of London.

Mr. M. M. Byrne and Miss E.C.L. Anderson
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Byrne, of Wimbledon, London, and Claire, daughter of Mr Nemeth Anderson and the late Mrs Cicely Anderson of Broughton Gifford, Wiltshire.

Mr D.J. Evans and Miss D.F. O'Herlihy The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs David Evans, of Elgin, and Deirdre, daughter of Mr and Mrs David O'Heriby, of Cork.

Captain J.V. Goodwin and Miss R.O. Waters and Miss R.O. Waters
The engagement is announced between Captain James Goodwin. The Royal Tank Regiment, son of Major and Mrs Michael Goodwin, of Wool, Dosset, and Rischendadaughter, of Mr and Mrs David Waters, of Perti, Western Australia

Mr H.R. Green and Miss K.A. Short The engagement is announced, between Hadky, son of Mr Roger

Green, of Brancaster, and Mrs.
Amia Green, of Weston Colville,
and Kim, youngest daughter of
Professor R.V. Short, of
Methourne, Australia, and Dr.
Mary Short, of Cambridge. Mr R.C.A. Hankey and Miss M.J. Muszynski

and Miss M.J., Muszynski
The engagement is announced
between Rupert, only son of the
Hon and Mrs Christopher Alers
Hankey, of Wesierham, Kent, and
Maria, eldest daugher of the late
Mr Stamislas Muszynski and of
Mrs Muszynski, of Billedicay,
Esser. Essex.

Mr A.J. Hurst and Miss M.S. Monday

and Miss M.S. Monday.

The engagement is announced between Adam, eddest son of Professor and Mrs Roger Hurst, of Bergen. The Netherlands, and Michele, elder daughter of Mr. John Monday, of Moreon, and Mrs Sylvia Vernon, of Wallasey, the Wirral.

Lieumant RP.H. Hutchings, RN. Miss S.C. Hardo the empagement is unnounced between Richard, younger son of Mr Hugh Pilkington-Cushion, of New Malden, Surrey, and of Mrs. Judy Hutchings, of East Mersea, Essee, and Soptie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hardcastle,

Dr D.N. Jazanovich and Miss S.D. Goulden The engagement is announced between Diego, son of Silvio Jazanovich and the late Ana Silvia Jazanovich and me iate Ana Savia Praimorice of Madrid Spain, and Sara. daughter of Alan and Marion Goulden.

Mr C.J. Kenny and Miss C.M.E. Davies The engagement is announced between Christopher, ekdest son of Mr and Mrs Kevin Kenny, of Wimbledon, and Dublin, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Davies, of Barnes, London.

Mr D.R Long and Miss C.M. Fennemore The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr Roger between David, son of Mr Roger Long and the late Mrs Long, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney Fermemore, of Kensington, London.

Mr T.A. Myine
and Miss N.M. Hill
The engagement is announced
between Thomas, son of the late
Mr Robert Myine and of Mrs
Myine, of Ropley, Hampshire, and
Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs
Brian Hill, of Christchurch, New

Mr MJ. Robinson and Miss P.E. O'Callaghan

and Miss R.E. Utalingham
The engagement is announced between Maithew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Robinson, of Mitchan, Surrey, and Frances, daughter of Dr Timothy O'Callaghan and the late Mrs O'Callaghan, of Eaglescliffe, Stockholm, on Teaglescliffe, Stockton-on-Tees.

Mr J.A. Stallard. and Miss K.A.M. Carre The engagement is announced between James Armstrong, son of Mr Colin Stallard, of Grouville, Jersey, and Mrs Jennifer Stallard, of St. Peter Port, Guernsey, and Kelly Arme-Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs John Carre, of Carel,

Mr I.M.N. Vaughan and Miss P.P. Smith The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs. Parrick Vaughan, of June Farm, Reignie, and Philippa, daughter of John Smith and Jean McRoble, of

London. Mr G.A.V. Wankling and Miss J.R. Bodger The engagement is announced between Gerard, son of Mr and Mrs Victor Wankling, of St Helier. Jersey, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Bodger, of Winchmore Hill, London.

#### Marriage

Mr R. Miles and Miss L. Macdonald

and Miss L. Maccionald

The marriage took place on Friday,
January 15, at the Church of the
Immaculate Conception, Farm
Street, of Robert, son of Mr and
Mrs David Miles; to Lisabel,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Maccionald
of Tote. Father Anthony Meredith.

SI, and Father Jock Dairymple officialed.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was anended by Tamara Bell, Honor Gilbertson, Main Hilleary, Rulus Gibbs. Gibbs, Louis Chancellor, Jack Endyn-lones, Max Pinnan, Alexander and Max Macdonald. Mr Patrick Gibbs was best man. A reception was held at the Great Hall, Lincoln's Irm, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

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AXTELL - On January 7th 1998 to Karon (née Brown) and Richard, a son, Willoughby Jasper Geoffrey,

SEECH - Ou lanuary 7th 1999, to Sonia (260 Wieralk) and Andrew, of

ELOMBERS - On 19th Jamesry 1999 to Jame (née labister) and Gerhard, a son, Charles Francis Campbell, a brother for Sebastian.

BROOKS - On 21st January at St Thomas' Hospital, a daughter, Molly Anna, to Gillian and Jonethan. CAUTLEY - On January 19th in Brusseis to Michelle inte Liddlard) and Charles, a son, James Proby.

de PUTRON - On 27th December 1998, to Hayley (née Salmon) and Peter, a lovely daughter, Amelia Carolynne Mary. ERCKSON - On January 16th at The Portland Hospital to Jessica and Paul, a son Sean Thomas, a brother for Country and Megan.

1998 to Jo (née Benson)

FORBES MIXON - On Jamuary 19th, 1999, to Clare (1986 Baker) and David, a son, Harry Pater, a brother for GLESON - On January 10th

at The Portland Hospital to Maria-Pla and Michael a daughter, Octavia Maria Grushenska, KELLY/BENNETT-JENGINS On 26th December 1998 to Sallie and Brenden, twin sons, James Alfred Bensen and Connor Edward

Bennett, brothers for Tom, Will and Isobel. MACDONALD - On Japuary 18th to Juliet and Charles, a son, Geordie Charles. PERCY-GREFRITHS - On 17th January 1998, to Sharon (née Colville) and David, a daughter, Freya Celeste a sister for Jacob.

Stement Settlet - On December 21st 1998 in London, Ontario, Cana to Sarb and Tejl. & Beautiful daughter, Meghan Hannah.

HORNELL - On January 18th at 18,18 to Susis (née Paget) and Simon, a son, Thomas, brother for Catherine and Fions.

DEATHS

SZEGGS.

SERGER - Pauline Edyths (née Clames), poscefully on January 20th 1939 in her 70th year. Beloved mother of Julian and Jonathau, friend to Anne-Marie and Anna and grandmother of Max and Cosina. Always looking hrightly to the fature, her incredible and ever questioning mind, her kindness, thoughtfulness, radiance and elegance will be sadly missed and fondly remembered. Fungral at 1.00pm on Friday January 22nd at West London Crematorium at Rensal Green, Herver Rad. No flowers. Doustices pieses to Macmillan Nurses, Macmillan Capete Relief. Enquirier 0181 740 8794.

SLACK - On Monday, January 11th, 1953, Crame, formerly of Tullybreck, Thornton, Fife, the Bengal Esppers & Miners and of Chipping Campdez, Gioncestarchire The Inversal took piece quietly on Wechesday, January 20th.

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January, 230 pm. Hasting. Crematorium. Family Gowert only. Donations If desired to The Arthsts Benevotent Fund or Rye Healthcare (Rye Hospital) c/o Ellis Bros (Funeral Services), 3 Ferry Road, Rye, East Speece.

DOCOW - Harold of Isleworth Beloved husband of the late Evelyn Mary Dixon peacetally at West Middlern; Hospital on 9th January 1999 aged 30 years, Funeral Service will take place on Friday 29th January at Honnalow Cometery Clapsel at 11.30am followed by interment at the Sorough Cometery at 12.00. Flowers Cometery at 12.00. Flowers or donations for the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew Foundations to to be sent to T. H. Sanders Funeral

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the Plumbers' Company, presented the Lilli Sara Barber Memorial Gold Medal for 1998 to phunbing Carlisle College at a meeting beld yesterday at Ironmongers' Hall. The Master also presented the student qualifying in plumbing, as recommended by the Commandant of the Royal School of Military Engineering, Chatham, to Lance Corporal T. Puruasingh. Both witners also received the Company.

St Albans, Lord Chancellor 1618-21, London, 1561; André Marie Ampère, physicist, Lyens, 1775; George Gordon Byron, 6th Baron Byron, poet, London, 1788; August Strindberg, dramatist, Stockholm, 1849; D.W. Griffith, film director, Floydsfork, Kentucky, 1875; U. Than: Secretary-General of the

DEATHS: William Paterson, financier and founder of the Bank of England, London, 1719; Charles Kean, actor-manager, London, 1868; Sir Joseph Whitworth, indus-trialist and engineer, Monte Carlo,

Market, 1972. **English-Speaking** 

ist (Ape), London, 1889; Sir Israc Pitman, inventor of a shorthand system, Bath, 1897; Walter Sickert, painter, Bath, 1942; Lyndon, B. Johnson, 36th American President 1952-60, San American President

stocke, chairman, presided.

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BIRTHS

SOMERSET - On 21st Januar 1993, to Jane (née Gordon and Henry, a son, George Henry Fitzroy, a brother for Alice and Claire,

on RODEN - On January 20th 1939 at the Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth to Amanda and Jörg, a wonderful son, Maximilian Wilson.

ALIMAND SMITH - Ou January 10th 1999 peacefully in hospital Leonard Henry Alimand-South in his 89th year, formerly of Over Strutton, Someraet and Pythouse, Williahier. The dearly loved inshand of the late Emily Kathleen Allmand-South much loved Iather of Peter, Wendy and Timoth Iather Inches Indiana Indi

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BURKE-SCUIT - Immes
Patrick (Pat) of Rommey
and Highgata, on 13th
January 1899, aged 35.
Much loved husband of
Nora, father of Felicity
and grandfather of Robert
and Paul, Funeral has
taken place. Donations, if
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Chester, Funeral
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Hampsiries SAST 2007

CAMBONI - Mario Autonio, Bromiey, Kent, pescefully at hotte on Jammey 19th, sped 73. Much loved humband of Valenie and father to Markus and James, Powerd will be at St John's, Park Road, Bromiey at 2.45pm on Priday Jamusry 29th followed by private service at Beckenham Crematorium, All welcome to church service and afterwards at Bromiey Court Hotel, off London Boad. No flowers, but donations to the British Heart Foundation.

COLE - Walter Vivian MSE
Wally\*. Master potter and
soulptor of Rys. Sussen.
Aged 85. Much loved
husband of Ellsen, father,
grandfather and greetgrandfather. Peacefully in
SL Leonards on 18th
January. Puneral 28th
January. Sussension Sussension Sussension.

Directors, 28-30 Kew Road, Richmond, TW9 2NA.

de POMT - In loving memory of Olivier Edmond Jacques Antoine du Pont. April 29th 1970 to January 10th 1999. Died while on a trip to France. Much loved son of Rez. and Nicola. Gaundson. uncle, potisther and enquisize friend. Bon Vivent, sevent and wit of the best vintage. Master of his financial craft, genius at the computer, he will be dearly missed: A man who crar, games at the computer, he will be dearly missed: A man who school justly, leved tenderly and wallord humbly with his God's Micela Requirem mass at the church of \$6 Mary Araumption at 23 Kensington Square at 1.00cm on Sunday, 24th Jamany 1998. No flowers, All donations to Brown, All donations to Brown.

Filtre-Professor Peter, TD, MD, MRC Path on Tuesday 19th Ismany 1999, very suddenly at home, sped 70, Derling husband and best friend of Ann, wonderful father to Debbla, Simon, Jane and Edward, and to his in-law children Nick, David and Rebecca, Splendid Pumpa / Poppus to Link, Sally, Haw, Any and Joseph. We shall miss our "Rock", so much loved and respected Professor of Hasmatology at St George's Hospital, 1972-1985, S.W. Thames Regional Medical Pod-Regional Medical Post-Graduate Dem 1935-1993. Graduate Deum 1925-1925.
Franceral at St Swithum's Church, East Grinstend, Monday 25th January at 2.30pm, Family flowers only but densitions to the Hannophilis Society at St George's Hospital c/o Dr. John Perker-Williams, would be desply appreciated. Memorial Services to be expected.

GREATOREK - Clemency
Derothes Anna MBE, of
Gondhurst, East, on 17th
Jamesry peacefully
following a short lineau,
aged 83. Daughter of the
late Admirel and Mrs.
Clement Greatores into Admiral and Mrs. Clement Greatores. Served the WRVS with distinction for many years. Cremation at Tumbridge Walls Cremation at Tumbridge Walls Cremation and February at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Demandon may be sent to The National Asthess Campaign c/o E. R. Hickmett & Son, 41. Grove Hill Road. Tumbridge Wells TN1 ISD. A service of celebration for iner life will be held at Sc Mary's Clearth, Goudhagust, after Easter. HSGHAM - Squadron Leader Ernest Donald McLean AFC RAF (Ratti) on 18th January 1999 after a long illness. Funeral Service at Chichester Cremeborium on Tuesday 28th January at 12.30pm. Family Howers only. Donations to the Athelmore Disease Society. of Royander Funeral Directors, 31 High Street, Bogner Ragis, PO21 1RR.

MORRE - On 19th Immery
1999 Elsie Ads died
pescafully aged 100 at The
Briary Nursing Home.
Floot Beloved wife of the
Inter Captain Leale
(Treday) Horse R.A.S.C.
and founder of The
F.E.P.O.W. Wives Group,
she is mourned by her
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their families. Peneral at
Aldershot Crematorians on
Monday 1st February at
2.00 pm. Family howers
only, donations in her
memory to R.N.I.D. 18-23
Festherstone Street,
London, ECLY SSL.

HUMPIRES - Bill, peacefully in her sleep on lamary 20th, aged 82. Desighter of the late Mind, widow of lim, breader of Patrician cata, Loved by Pat, Kamach, Claudia, Loura and all who knew her

EASITY - Paul Robert of La Zagaleta, Marbella, Spain on 20th January 1993, aged 73, in Sen Francisco following a skiding hollday in Sun Valley, Humband of the late Claire and dearly loved brother of Roges. A respected merchant banker and a founder member of Valderrana Gelf Clab, he will be much missed by his many friends.

KOSTAN - Paul, Bookseller and Revolutionary, percatully on 18th January in his 90th year, New York and South Africian papers MATTINGLEY - Catherine, Beloved wife of Matt. Diad pencefully at King Edward VII Hospital on January 20th. Service at Rogate, 17.13cm, Friday Jenuary 28th. Family Rowers only. Donations to the Donlory Sanctuary c/o L.F. Limber and Son, North Street, Mithurst, West Street, GU22 SDG.

BEADE-RING - Meurice
George of Cliftum, Bristol
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PRICHARD - Hugh
Wentworth, C.B.E., on
20th January, peacefully
in his elsep, at Woodcote
Grove Bouse, aged 25,
retired Parliamentary
Agant and Solicitor,
Reader in the Discose of
Southwark for 62 years.
Much loved lather, fatherin-isw, grandisther, and
greet-grandisther, framily
cremation service.
Wednesday, January 27th,
at Croydon Crematorium.
Service of Thanksgiving
for his life, work and
Christian witness on
Sannrday, February 20th,
at 2.30 par at 51 Marks
Church, Woodcote,
Church Read Parliss.

ROGERS - On lansary 19th It's Monius, belowed wife of the late High. Much loved Mother, Grandmother, and Great-grandmother. Funeral Service at Haycombe Crematerium, Bath on Friday January 20th at Jun. Family Howers only. Donations, if desired, to Children's Hoppine South West may be sent to Jollys Funeral Directors, 7 Windson Figs., Bath RA1 207.

SPELMAN - Rossmary (née Robertson), formen'y Bonsor, ched 18th Lanuary at Giorometershive Enyal Hospital, after a short illhest. Desardons for the untural treatment of camper to Bristol Cancer Help Cantra, Grove House, Comwallis Grove, Ciliton, Bristol SSS 4PC.

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HORMSACK - William (Bill)
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THANKSGIVING SERVICES Souther of Thanksgiving for the life of the late Cecil E. F. Gough, CMG, on Setunday 30th January 1999 at 12.30pm, at the Parish Church of St. Ricolas, Witham, Essen.

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### JACQUES LECOQ

Jacques Lecoq, mime artist, theatre director and teacher, died on January 19 aged 77. He was born in Paris on December 15, 1921.

rom Etienne Decroux in Les Enfants du Paradis to Marcel Marceau, Prance has given the world some of its memorable images of the white-faced, poignant or comic mime. Jacques Lecoq was never a public figure, and almost never appeared on the large or small screen, and yes he belongs among the most significant exponents of an art form that he preferred to call, not mime, but corporeal expression. He was, above all, a great

teacher. The school that he founded in 1956, and which continues to this day, trained commutes to this day, trained at of using the body to expressive effect. Lecoq was not interested in turning out developing the resources of physical vocabulary, with or without speech. His two-year ourse explored such areas as silent improvisation ("I ask them to say nothing the better to understand what lies be-hind words", the use of masks, techniques of movement, and the spirit of comedy, melodrama and tragedy. No doubt the focus on unspoken expression was all the more acute for the cosmopolitan mix of English, French, German, Swedish, Italian, American and other nationalities (70 in all) attending the courses at 57. Rue du Faubourg Saint-Denis, in north-

Those who learnt from the



equally rich and varied list. ness of the body and its Among them are the members mechanisms. During the Sec-of Theatre de Complicite, and World War, when train-Footsbarn, Mummenschanz, Steven Berkoff, Geoffrey Rush (Oscar, winner for Shine) the writers Yasmina Reza (author of Art) and Eduardo Manet, and directors Christophe Marthaler; Jorge Laveilli, Luc Bondy and Ariane Mnouchk-ine of the Theatre du Soleil. "I wasn't at his courses for long." Mnouchkine has said, "but it was as important to me as if I had spent ten years there." From an early practice of

sport and sports reaching

Lecoq developed a keen aware-

ing as a physical education instructor in Paris, he met Jean-Lous Barrault and the founders of Education through Drama (L'Education par le Jeu Dramatique), which involved a number of other key figures of postwar French theatre, such as Roger Blin and Marie-Helène Daste, Linked with Antonin Artaud, the movment aimed to explore a new theatrical approach to the body and the voice. Lecoq's own interest in the stage grew in 1945 from his

and the Frères Jacques. He now began working with Jean Dastés troupe in Grenoble, aming as a kind of seather of movement and gesture. From Dant he learnt about Noh and the use of masks. It was aiready, a cosmopoliian career, in 1947, Lecoq

taught theatrical expression in Germany, then in the following year went to Padua where he found a sculptor, Amicio Sartori, who agreed to make commedia dell'arte masks for him. He also became close to Giorgio Strehler, for whom he set up the the Piccolo Teatro theatre school. At the same time he befriended Dario Ro and did the occasional job at

Coming back to France, Lecoq now set about creating his own mime school, one that would offer an alternative to what he saw as the "sclerosed" technique of Etienne Decroux, and which accepted a greater crossover than his contemporary, Marcel Marceau. The aim was, he said, to move "towards open mime and not towards the mime which is enclosed in its own silence." Students were taught a

series of challenging physical

exercises, from mastering

their diaphragm to acrobatics, but always with a view to extending possibilities rather than developing some kind of physical virtuosity. A key phase of the training was learning to clown. One by one, students were asked to make their fellows laugh: their al-most inevitable failure was the first step in learning a kind of authenticity. Being a clown, Lecoq would explain, "is not a role you learn; you are a

involvement with Travail et clown. So in the end the clown Culture alongside Yves Robert which belongs to them alone will be brought out ... Once you can fully come to terms with what you are, your own territory, then you can make people laugh." In a similar way, using a neutral mask, Lecon students learnt how the carriage and movements of the body could seem to impart expression to the otherwise blank face.

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tuted Lecoq as a "master ... but one who had that very rare ability to open up a path without necessarily having to take it himself." His own discretion was remarkable and meant that he remained out of the public eye. Nor did Leroq seek to be a guru; his school had other influential teachers; too. And while he did have his own one-man show, Tout Bouge (Everything Moves), in which a lifetime's observation of body language is packed into 90 minutes starting with the way we walk and ending with comic and tragic masks, performances were rare the came to the Queen Elizabeth Hall in 1988). In France, finally, his state-ments on the theatre, Le corps poetique, were published only last year, and he managed to oversee the first two documentaries about his work, Les Deux Voyages de Jacques Lecoq, shortly before his

death. His true heritage lies in the enrichment of theatrical forms to which he contributed and, it is to be hoped, in the continu-ing vitality of his school which will remain open. He is survived by his second

wife Fay, by their daughter and two sons, and by a son of

#### ANATOLI RYBAKOV

Anatoli Rybakov, Russian author, died in New York on December 23 aged 87. He was born on January 1, 1911.

"IMAGINE Genghis Khan with a telephone," reflected the ageing Tolstoy, inadvertently prophesying his country's plient in the grip of 20th-century totalitarian bureaucracy. The advent of that grim eventuality - Stalin with all the instruments of repression to hand in an age of instant communication - was the subject of Children of the Arbat (1987), Anatoli Ryba-

Describing the fives of a group of young school-leavers, growing up as Rybakov did in the Arbai district of central Moscow and launching out on to the troubled waters of the 1930s, the novel evokes the grim atmosphere of Stalin's most paranoid. most fearsome years. Its account of the Stalin terror has invited comparison with A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich (1956), Some reviewers even saw a kinship to War and Peace in the complexity of its plotting and organisation of historical events.

But, in truth, Rybakov has much more in common with such American "blockbuster" historical novelists as

James Michener and Herman Wouk, than with either Solzhenitsyn or Tolstoy. His fidelity to historical events is impressive, but his characters remain resolutely one-dimen-

arrested and sent to Siberia for three years, but this was for no dissident activity. Stalin was merely in the early stages of the paranoia which was to lead to the full-scale terror and purges of the later 1930s. Rybakov and those arrested h him were later to realise how lucky they were to escape

rural areas. Call-up for army service after the German invasion in 1941 was almost a relief. He served as a transport officer with the 8th Guards Army for the rest of the war and was twice decorated.

While in the army he had begun to write, and he pub-lished his first novel, a children's adventure story entitled Kortik (translated as The Dirk) in 1948. With its acalous child protagonist. Misha, who thwarts a White Russian plot against the nascent Soviet state to become the leader of

the newly founded Commu-

nist Pioneers, Kortik was an

unimpeachably correct piece of socialist realism, firmly in

the mould of Nikolai Ostro-

vsky's 1930s classic of Commu-

nist revolutionary endeavour, How the Steel was Tempered. Much admired by Stalin, it spawned a film, a play and a

television programme, all scripted by Rybakov.

Its two successors completed a trilogy about the adven-tures of Misha, while a second

trilogy introduced a new char-

acter Krosh and his schoolmates coping with adolescent life in the Soviet Union of the

At the same time Rybakov

was writing for adults: Vod-itell ("Drivers") appeared in

the journal Oktyabr in 1950.

Its theme, the problems of the

workplace and the dignity of the leaders of socialist road

haulage, expounded with great technical authenticity from Rybakov's own experi-

ence, made it a sure-fire

in the 1960s Rybakov began

work on Deti Arbata (translat-

ed as Children of the Arbat)

and in 1966 it was announced

that the first part of it was to

candidate for a Stalin Prize.

late 1950s and early 1960s.

kov's most celebrated novel.

Indeed, though he eventual-

ly won fame through his graphic description of the Stalin years, he had begun his literary life in the postwar Soviet Union as a run-of-thesocialist-realist hack. Born in Chernigov, Ukraine, into an assimilated Jewish family, Anatoli Naumovich Rybakov grew up in Moscow and went from school to the Moscow Institute of Transport Engineering.

In November 1933 he was with such light punishment.

After completing his sentence Rybakov was allowed to return from Siberia. But he was barred from residence in large towns and had to take a be published in the journal series of truck-driving jobs in Novy Mir. whose courageous editor Alexander Tvardovsky had persuaded Khrushchev to let him publish Solzhenitsyn's A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich in 1962

But by that time the brief Khrushchev thaw was already over and as the conservative Leonid Brezhnev tightened his grip on the reins of Soviet power, the possibility receded even further. An announcement in the next decade that Oktyahr would publish the novel was equally illusory, and it was not until the era of Gorbachev that publication

could become a reality.

A less obviously contentious, though in the view of many a more subtle, novel Tyazhelyi pesok (translated as Heavy Sand) was, however, published by Oktyabr in 1978, It had an ostensibly anti-German and therefore pro-Soviet theme, the atrocities committed against Ukrainian Jews by the invading German armies in 1941 and 1942. But in the anti-Semitic climate of the Soviet Union in the late 1970s the theme was not popular, and Rybakov had to tone it down to imply that the Germans had treated the Jews no worse than anyone else.

The advent of Gor-

bachev and glasnost obviated the need for such trimming. With the publica-tion of Children of the Arbat Rybakov found himself an hypakov found himself an overnight celebrity. It was the first of a trilogy which laid the blame for the failures of Soviet communism squarely at the door of Stalin. Its successors, Fear (1992) and Dust and Ashes (1996), continued the transit of Sacha Brakeston. story of Sasha Pankratov, Arbat's protagonist. But by that time Russia was suffering such massive economic problems under a democratic regime that the impact of the criticism of Stalin no longer carried the same force. Many adults were beginning to han-ker after the old times when "things worked".

Nevertheless, for young Russian children the novels remain an important part of the revised Soviet history in a way that the more complex works of Pasternak and Solzhenitsyn could not be. And to do him justice, Rybakov never moral stature of those two brave men.

Anatoli Rybakov is survived by his second wife Tatiana, and by the two sons of his first

#### MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT LOUDOUN

Major-General Robert Loudour, CB, OBE, Representative Colonel Commandant, Royal Marines, 1983-84, and Director of the Mental

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Health Foundation. 1977-90, died on December 28 aged 76. He was born on July 8, 1922. BOB LOUDOUN'S singularly active military career was

more than matched by his; achievements after retirement active and Marines. In Yugoslavia acquired during the war, he became in 1989 a director of the British Yugoslav Society. The focus of this institution was shifted by civil war from cultural and student exchanges towards relief aid. Loudoun and other war veterans — some of whom owed their lives to Tito's partisans -

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raised funds which sent more than 25 trucks loaded with medical supplies to the stric-ken six republics. Many were driven by members of the society; at the age of 70 Loudown himself took a truckload to Korcula accompanied by the late Sir Fitzroy Maclean and his wife Veronica.

He had also joined the Mental Health Foundation at the time of its formation through the merger of the Mental Health Trust and the Mental Health Research in 1977. By the time he refired in 1990, he had raised the foundation's charitable income from about £50,000 a year to well over a million, providing funds for research projects and enabling innovative rehabilitation and commut-. miy aftercare programmes. Robert Beverley Loudoun

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initiation into modern warfare when leading the beach assault at the Anzio bridgehead in January 1944. Having cap-tured its objectives, the com-mando was withdrawn and redeployed to take a hill on the Garigliano River, suffering its first fatalities.

Even tougher times were to follow. With other units, 43 Commando was sent to the Dalmatian island of Vis. from . where it conducted a number of assaults against other islands, which were generally occupied by larger numbers of heavily armed Germans, well

In charge of the commando's C Company, Loudounmade his first attack on the island of Mijet, which but two days later, he took a launch back by night to recover two lost signalmen. He was then wounded during a costly at-

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tack on the island of Brac, and was temporarily incapacitated. Brac was subsequently reinforced by more than 2,000 Germans, but a second assault was more successful, and by the autumn of 1944 the Germans had started to pull out of the Balkans.

In October, 43 Commando landed at Dubrovnik and took part in the harrying of the German retreat. After arduous advances against tenacious resistance, with much blowing up of roads and bridges behind the lines, the commando moved to Italy to rest and refit. Loudoun was mentioned in dispatches. The commando's final major action of the war was the

assault across the bleak marshes around Lake Commachio near the coast north of Ravenna. Loudoun, who was by now adjutant, took part in a bitter and difficult battle throughout April 2 and 3, 1945, with little natural cover to help the advance across minefield towards well-prepared German positions. In this action, the Royal Marines' tenth Victoria Cross — and the only one of the Second World War was posthumously awarded to Corporal Thomas Hunter.

Appointed to 45 Commanto, Loudoun arrived in the Far East shortly after the end of hostilities and served in Hone Kong, Malta, Africa and Palestime. He was granted a regular commission in 1948, thereafter following a conventional progression of appointments.

As a brigadier, his appoint-

ment embroiled him in Nato planning and exercises in Europe, including the initial reconnaissance of north Norway which heralded the Royal Marines' strategic shift to arctic warfare during the later decades of the Cold War. As a major-general, his final

our was in command of Royal Marines training at Portsmouth, where he masterminded the move of the Royal Marines Museum to its solendid location at Eastney. He was appointed CBE on retirement in 1973.

He is survived by his wife Sue, whom he married in 1950, and their two sons.

#### **GEORGE POPOV**

George Popov, MBE, acridologist, died on December 22 aged 76. He was born on August 22, 1922.

GEORGE POPOV was one of the great scientific travellers of the past 50 years. He spent most of his life travelling around Asia and Africa study ing locusts and grasshoppers. and in pursuit of his entomological interests he stealthily became perhaps the most intrepid traveller of his time in the Arabian Peninsula and the remoter regions of Asia and

In his early years he made an amazing crossing of the Jaz Murian depression in southern Iran in midsummer with a single donkey for company. His achievements were recognised by the award of the Lawrence of Arabia Memorial Medal in 1995 by the Royal Society of Asian Affairs, and in 1997 the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome awarded him a special medal for 50 years' work on locust control. George Basil Popov was born of Russian parents in Mashhad in Iran, where his father worked in the Imperial Bank. After early studies at

home he was educated at the

American (Alborz) College in

- Tehran and at Tehran University. His father died at the outbreak of the Second World War, so he had to leave school. Being fluent in Russian, Farsi, French, English (and later Arabic), he became an interpreter. He was then recruited to

work for the British Locust Control unit in southern Iran, and so began his lifelong research career. He next became a member of the British Middle East Anti-Locust Unit in 1943, based in Cairo, and from there he travelled extensively in Iran and Saudi Arabia.

After ten years with the Desert Locust Survey and Control Organisation, based in Nairobi, he joined the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome in 1958, as leader of a unit carrying out an ecological survey of the desert locust breeding areas from Senegal to Bangladesh and Georgia to Tanzania.

In 1964 he transferred to the Anti-Locust Research Centre in London (later the Centre for Overseas Pesticides Research). from where he undertook consultancies and projects on grasshopper research and control techniques in many parts of Africa and Asia, returning to Nairobi in 1982.

During the last major locust

outbreak, in 1985-90, he advised on monitoring and control methods, principally in the Sahelian countries of North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. He later conducted ground assessments and ecological surveys of the affected areas, leading to the establishment of a data centre and introduction of remote sensing imaging as an aid to monitoring locust populations. He also participated in tests of various insecticides and biological control agents in Mali

between 1986 and 1988. As well as lecturing widely he published more than 50 articles, becoming recognised as one of the foremost acridologists in the world. In 1951 he was appointed MBE.

He was an unassuming man with a delightful sense of humour, but his gentleness concealed a tough core. In recent years, he suffered considerable pain and discomfort from more than one form of cancer, but he showed tremendous courage, continuing to work and travel.

He never married, but had a firm link with a family from Mali now living in London, to whom he was devoted and who were a great support to him for many years.

#### FIVE OLD WARSHIPS TO BE SCRAPPED

THE Admiralty announcement of the decision to scrap all the bandeships of pre-war years except those which are in use as accommodation ships must evoke egrets but no astonishment.

Officers and men come to have a sentimental affection for famous ships in which they have served, and the general public, remembering the names of ships that time after time had a part in sea battles or amphibious operations, hear of their passing with no less regret. But the times are gone when warships can be preserved, as Nelson's Victory survives nearly two centuries after she was floated out of the dock in which she was built: A 30,000 ton battleship calls for considerable overhauling and maintenance to keep her affoat, even if she is

never again to go to sea.

Three of the five capital ships to go are vaterans of the 1914 war — the Queen Elizabeth, Valiant, and Renown. The other two, the Nelson and Rodney, are

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### ON THIS DAY

January 22, 1948

The announcement that the battleships Queen Elizabeth, Valiant, Nelson and Rodney and the battle cruiser Renown were to be scrapped may have evoked regret but perhaps no astonishment. Three were velerans of the First World War.

not much younger, for they were laid down in 1922; and though they both did magnificent service during the late war the Rodney was one of the two ships that sank the Bismarck - they were

never very satisfactory ships. It is just as inevitable that all five should be scrapped now as that the Lion and the Dreadnought should have passed in 1919. The Admiralty estimates the saving in man-power by scrapping them instead of keeping them in reserve at about 1,000, and the 80,000 or so tons of scrap steel that will be recovered from their hulls will, of course, be most valuable in today's industrial conditions

as raw material. There is no hint in this action of any belief by the Admiralty that the day of the battleship as known hitherto is necessarily past. But though in the past obsolete or obsolescent capital ships have had a certain value in war it is difficult in the present state of the navies of the world to see any similar value for

those that are to be scrapped today.

There will thus be little valid criticism of the Admiralty's decision to scrap these capital ships; but there may well be complaint of undue reticence regarding the action that is being taken in respect of other ships. Seven cruisers are 10 be scrapped, but the public is not to be allowed to know their names. A number of lesser warships are also to disappear under a similar veil. Parliament and public are not allowed to know the composition of the Royal Navy today, though it is doubtless well known to any foreign intelligence service that thinks it worth while to find out the facts.





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Peter Mandelson was on course to make a dramatic return to his role as election strategist by travelling to South Africa and working for a smooth transition to Nelson Mandela's successor. The job would see the former Trade Secretary acting as special adviser to the African National Congress, helping ensure the party's return to power and the election of Thabo Mbeki as president...

**Doctors rebel over Viagra** 

Doctors were urged to prescribe Viagra freely over the next six weeks before the Government can impose rationing of the anti-impotence drug. In defiance of Frank Dobson's intention to curtail prescriptions from March, the British Medical Association said impotent men going to their GP should be able receive the anti-impotence pill on the NHS\_\_\_\_\_\_Page I

Miners' rampage

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Striking Romanian coalminers hijacked lorries and tore through

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The head of the international

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Lord Nelson was criticised by Ital-

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**Hunt for children** 

Fifty Curkhas joined the search in Hastings for the missing teryear-olds Lisa Hoodless and Charlene Lunnon....... Pages 1. 5

Crash misses school A village primary school in Not-

tinghamshire came within a splitsecond of disaster after an RAF Tornado jet collided in mid-air with a light aircraft ...... Page 1

IRA meeting anger

Victims of IRA atrocities expressed outrage at a Minister's decision to meet relatives of an IRA unit killed while attacking a County Armagh police station... Page 2

Casualty list

More than four million people have sought details of their relatives and loved ones in the two months since the names of those killed in two world wars were posted on the internet......Page 3

Amnesty's plea

Extradition to Spain is the only way to bring General Pinochet to justice because Chile is unlikely to put him on trial, Amnesty International told the law lords ... Page 9

Liberal starter

The campaign for the leadership of the Liberal Democrats began in acrimony yesterday when Nick Harvey, one of the leading contenders, was accused of jumping the starting-gun Page 10

Waiting for Monet

Tempers were frayed and voices raised in the elegant surroundings of Burlington House as hundreds of Friends of the Royal Academy were forced to queue for a preview of the deep in places and snaked for hundreds of yards from the gal-



Senator Michael Sullivan, the former Governor of Wyoming, inspects a guard of honour after becoming the US Amhassador to Ireland

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Footbell: Nationwide is to sponsor the England team in a £15 million. four-year sponsorship deal with the Football Association Page 48 Tennis: Greg Rusedski lost to Paul

Goldstein, a qualifier from the Unit-

ed States, in the second round of the Australian Open, his third defeat in four matches this year. Anna Kournikova still has problems with double faults \_\_\_\_\_ Pages 46, 48 Athletics: Abel Anton, the world champion, will defend his Flora London Marathon title in one of the strongest fields ever assembled for

the event... \_Page 48 Snooker: Robin Hull, a former world junior champion, became the first player to miss the final black in a professional event with a maximum break available Page 46

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Michael Boyd, Plus other theatre re-\_Page 33 Pop 1: Like all beloved institutions. says Caitlin Moran, Top of the Pops should be cherished. Instead, it has become "dull yet grossly in-

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Acting up: Students who did A-level exams on an RSC stage. Page 41

In their rebuttal before the Senate, the White House defence team put several dents in the House prosecutors case for removing the Presi--The New York Times

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the NHS\_\_\_\_\_

The illegal detention and torture of two Zimbawean journalists is a chilling abuse of power. Unless President Mugabe disowns this disgraceful act. he will be indelibly associated with it\_\_\_\_\_Page 21

World Wide honour

The Internet is a new and imaginative tool for tracing those who fell in two world wars

SIMON JENKINS

Constrained only by laws against defaming living persons (letting Daniel Barenboun off the Hilary and Jackie hook), they can lie with impunity and redress \_\_\_\_\_ Page 20

SAM KILEY

Whether or not Sandline was implementing British policy then, it is quite clear that it should be now, The Foreign Secretary should learn from last year that the deployment of mercenaries in this blighted nation would be an act of genuinely ethical foreign policy \_\_\_\_ Page 20

PHILIP HOWARD

A better criterion for Britishness is the insularity principle. This selects the things that Britons do that nobody else in the world would dream of copying, like cold baths in midwinter, regimental blazers with brass buttons and opening the bedroom window at night ...... Page 20

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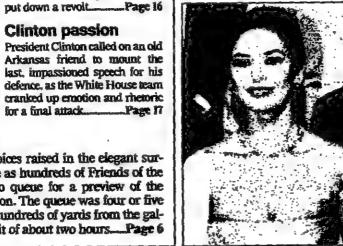
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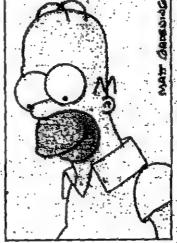
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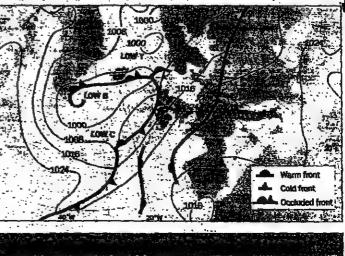
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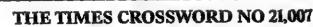
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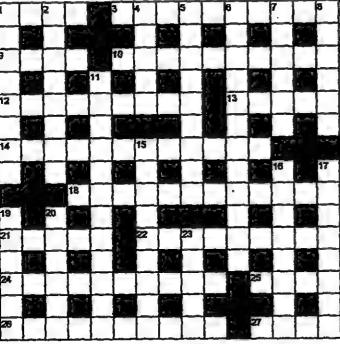


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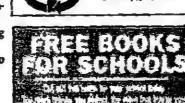
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The terms represent a sig-nificant premium to the low

of 1461/2p at which Sears shares traded in October.

However, the shares traded

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the retail sector and opti-

mism about the outlook for

retailers lifted the shares

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close to 760p.

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FRIDAY JANUARY 22 1999

Board concedes defeat after buyer raises hostile offer and bags 38% stake

## Sears backs Green's £548m bid

By Sarah Cunningham Retail Correspondent

SIR BOB REID, chairman of SIR BOB REID, charman of Sir Sears, yesterday accepted an sinaproved offer for the retail-an increase of £29 million from Philip Green and the Barday twins, David and

After a day of talks between the two sides, the Sears board agreed to accept 359p a share from January Investments Oll.). It was set up for the bid by Mr Green and the Barclays.

ing in the market ensured that by the end of the day, JIL, owned 38 per cent of Sears. It aldy had 23 per cent of Sears Phillips & Drew last week. The shares closed at 354/4p. Sir Bob said: The increased

cash offer of 359p per share represents a fair deal for shareholders and is in line with the board's strategy to return value to them."

Aidan Barclay, who is the son of David and chairman of

and had a 340p a share bid re-jected last week. Some late buy-that our increased offer has been recommended unanimously by the board of Sears. We consider that this decision provides both clarity to employees and certainty of a full

> The deal is likely to mean that Sears directors will receive large payouts from their options, which, in most cases, are triggered by a takeover. David Defty, finance director. could be in line for as much as Groom, the property director,

value to Sears shareholders."

could collect up to £1.18 million. Derek Lovelock, bead of the clothing business, could get \$697,000 from his options. Sears, which JIL will de-list

from the stock market, owns the Freemans catalogue company, the Warehouse, Wallis, and Richards women's wear chains, the Adams children's wear chain, a property business and the Creation credit card business. Sears last week announced the sale of Creation to Banque Nationale de Paris and Coginoga for £141 million.

ing communing with the sale of Creation, and is understood to have held talks about the sale of Freemans with Otto Versand of Germany, N Brown, chaired by Sir David Alliance, is also extremely keen to get its hands on Freemans, which it made one

attempt to buy from Sears.

Mr Green, who is chief executive of JIL, said yesterday that he had not pre-sold any part of the company: "I want to go and meet the management of each part of the company," he said, before making any decisions

had been raised "to save all the uncertainty. We felt it was best to get an agreed deal."

JIL is being partly funded by Mr Green's wife Cristina. and by the Barclays, who own the Ritz hotel as well as The Scotsman, Scotland on Sunday and Sunday Business newspapers. The bulk of the financing comes from loans raised through BankBoston and the Bank of Scotland. Mr Green's other busine

sess are Owen Owen, the de-

FTSE 100,.... 

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## RSA ready with £3.5bn offer for rival GRE

ROYAL & SUNALLIANCE, the glant insurance group, is poised to bid about £3.5 billion rival Cuardian Royal Bamade the linguest offer in the auction of the insurer.

The offer, priced at about 390p per GRE share, has topped rival bids from other interested parties such as Axa, the French group, Allianz of Germany and AIG, the US insurance giant. The nearest offer was understood to have been no higher than 370p a share. GRE shares were un-

moved at 354½p yesterday.

GRE asked Morgan.

Stanley, the US investment bank, to carry out an auction of the company after receiving formal approaches from var-

as rivals last year.

The group decided the GRE tould not continue in its current form - being smaller and more diversified than most rivals. It said it would announce the result of the auction by the end of this month.

RSA - which was itself created by a merger between Royal insurance and Sun Alliance in 1996 — is to be given exclu-sive negotiating rights to con-clude a deal, though it is not yet in a position to put an offer to shareholders.

Any deal would need to be financed by a rights issue by RSA of up to £2 billion. This The not be well received by the market, given that RSA shares have fallen from a high

of 8080 last March to stand at 487p, down Hisp, yesterday.
The bid could also face a reference to the Minopolies and there would be concerns about job losses, which could be as high as 5,000 as RSA integrated GRE's general insurance

The market is also concerned about the problems RSA had in merging the Royal and Sun Alliance operations. After the merger, the group-had two chief executives, Roger Taylor and Roger Gamble. This structure did not work and both left, with Bob Mendelson being promoted from the US business to become sole chief executive of RSA.

"The GRE board, led by new chairman, Sir Colin Chandler, may yet decide that none of the bids put forward give full value to the company. The alter-native to selling the company in one go is for GRE to sell its businesses piecemeal.
A circular from HSBC Secu-

rities, the broker, published yesterday, suggests that GRE could be worth as much as AXA has said it is interested

in the general insurance business and Prudential is under-stood to be keen to buy other parts of GRE, including the burgeoming healthcare operation. Neither GRE nor RSA would comment on what they called "market speculation"



Nick Prettejohn played a key part in the reconstruction and renewal process that saved Lloyd's

## Sandler hunts top City job after quitting Lloyd's

chief executive of the Lloyd's insurance market. He is being replaced by Nick Prettejohn, a 38-year-old Lloyd's insider.

Mr Sandler has been in the job for four years and is creditmarket from collapse. He has not got a job to go and refused to comment about specific future employment possibilities. However, he said: "I would like to return to running a business rather than running a market."

been linked with the current vacancy for a chief executive at Barclays Bank. Similar vacancies exist at Cable & Wireless Communications and Rank. Mr Sandler plans to remain at Lloyd's until the summer.

However, he has already

He will not receive compensation for loss of office. During his tenure at Lloyd's Mr Sandler attracted sharp crit-

icism from names, the traditional personal providers of capital backing insurance underwriting, who have been progressively displaced by companies, so-called corporate capital. Christopher Stockwell, a

spokesman for disaffected names, said: "A number of names may miss Mr Sandler's analytical skills but many will not be sorry to see such an ar-dent supporter of corporate capital move on."
But Michael Deeny, chair-

man of the Associations of Lloyd's Names, the leading names' pressure group, said: "Ron worked hard ... and played a vitally important role in saving Lloyd's." He added that Mr Prettejohn was a "brilliant young man" who he was happy to welcome to the post. Mr Prettejohn joined the ex-

ecutive team at Lloyd's in 1995 as head of strategy. He is described as playing a key role in process that saved Lloyd's from oblivion. He was also involved in the development of Equitas, the body that re-insured troublesome pre-1992 losses and was pivotal in the R&R project. Mr Prettejohn is a graduate

of Balliol College, Oxford. He has a first class degree in philosophy, politics and economics. He began his career as a management consultant with Bain & Co. was a director of Apax Partners, the venture capitalist, and also spent a year as director of corporate strategy at NPC, the transport company.

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#### Zeneca shares soar to record

Zeneca shares reached a new big step towards completing its proposed merger with Astra of Sweden. AstraZeneca, as the enlarged pharmacruti-cals group will be known, will be Britain's fifth-largest company. Page 26

Beer bid lifted Marsion Thompson & Evershed rejected an increased £290 million offer from Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries, setting the scene for what is expected to be a tight finale to this increasingly bitter battie. Page 27: Tempus, page 28

## On-Line pair sell £1m shares

By FRASER NELSON

ON-LINE, the Internet games producer whose shares had soured 2,084 per cent this onth alone, crashed back to earth yesterday — but only af-ter its directors sold £966,000 of shares.

Michael Hodges and Clement Chambers, co-founders of the company, said they were "forced" to sell their shares at between 176p and 250p apiece

to satisfy market demand. The shares, which started the month at 1214p, fell 1441/ap to 129p yesterday and are expecied to drop further today.

Mr Hodges raised £240,000
in cash from disposing of 100,000 shares. Three weeks

ago, the same stake would

have raised £12,500. Mr Hodges said Mr Chambers, who has sold a total £726,000 in shares; has agreed stare options — effectively hanging on to E246,000 in shares after passing the mon-

ey to the company. Mr Hodg-es is keeping the money he raised from the sale.

Analysts and dealers have been baffled by the surge in On-Line shares. They are amazed that the company did not suggest creating new shares for a public offering at its Wednesday meeting, rather than allowing the directors to

One said: "The two of them have just earned enough to retire on, and they are saying this hurts us more than it. hurts you. The whole thing is

Their disposals were carried out on Wednesday, when On-Line shares hit their high of 2734p. The deals were not announced until after the market

had closed yesterday. Mr Hodges and Mr Chambers own 65 per cent of the company's shares between them. It is now capitalised at

## Bank loans at record level

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

BANK lending to house buy-ers set a record in December, usually a slow month, suggesting that cuts in interest rates have breathed new life into the housing market. The British Bankers' Associ-

ation said the figures, showing a record £1.21 billion increase in net mortgage lending, were "remarkable". Separate fig-ures from the Building Societies Association also tended topoint to a revival in the housing market with mortgage approvals up in December.

Bank lending increased overall by £5.5 billion, far above the recent monthly average of £2.95 billion, the BBA said. The strength was not just in mortgage lending, with demand for credit from industry and commerce, particularly among property and con-Some of the growth in mort-

gage lending resulted from re-

neing according to the

BBA, but nevertheless December's rise was well above the recent monthly average of El billion, suggesting an element of genuine new demand.

Yesterday's figures from building societies were not as buoyant overall as those from banks, suggesting that banks may be gaining market share. The BSA said that gross mort-gage advances totalled £1.49 billion in December compared with £1.62 billion in November while net advances fell to £120 million from £534 million.

Adrian Coles, BSA directorgeneral said that given the scope for further interest rate cuts, borrowers might find the housing market particularly affordable this year. Separate figures from the Bank of England showed that M4 broad money supply rose 0.3 per cent in December. The

annual rate of growth fell to 8

per cent from 8.3 per cent, the lowest level since June 1995.

#### at Laura Ashley By Sarah Cunningham LAURA ASHLEY, the trou-

Sixth chief goes

bled retail company, lost its yesterday, but gained the Rev Pat Robertson, the well-known television evangelist and former US presidential hopeful, as a non-executive director.

Mr Robertson, who has extensive business interests, is believed to have been asked to join the board by John Thornton, the Laura Ashley chairman and a senior banker at Goldman Sachs, Mr Roberson is also believed to know Kay Peng Khoo, the chairman and chief executive of Malaysian United Industries (MUI), whichowns 40 per cent of Laura Ashley. Dr Khoo is also to be-

come à non-executive director. Mr Robertson holds two milpository Receipts. Victoria Egan, who was

ion shares — equivalent to about 0.5 per cent - in the form of 400,000 American De-

months, is leaving for person-al reasons having found it diffi-

cult to settle in London. Mrs Egan, who previously worked for MUI, took over from David Hoare, the company doctor who was asked to stabilise the company after the departure of Ann Iverson, the high-profile American who

sion into the US. Mrs Egan will be replaced by Kwan Cheong Ng, a Laura Ashley non-executive director who runs the retailing arm of MUI. The company revealed some disastrous trading figures yes-

terday. In the 24 weeks to Janu-

ary 16, like-for-like sales were

launched an ill-advised expan-

down 13 per cent. Total sales were down 16 per cent. Mrs Iverson's US expansion is being slowly unravelled. By the end of this month it will have closed or relocated 19 of the 32 larger stores. Laura Ashley shares slipped up to 12p, compared with 211p in 1997.



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## Rise and fall of the Sears that Clore built

IT IS EASY to forget just how large Sears once was. Only a decade ago it was still Britain's leading retailer. Its 4,000 stores dominated many high streets and gave it even more outlets than the Post Office.

By comparison, the Sears that Philip Green and the Barday brothers are buying is a sadly shrunken thing of just a few clothing chains and the Freemans catalogue

In its heyday, the British Shoe Cor-poration, a now defunct Sears subsidiary, sold as many as one in four pairs of shoes in the UK. It traded as Freeman Hardy Willis, Trueform, Lilley & Skinner, Manfield, Roland Cartier, Dolcis, Bertie, Curtess and

Shoe City.

Sears's menswear chains included Fosters. Hornes, and Your Price. Its women's clothes chains included Miss Selfridge, Wallis and Warehouse, all of which remain in the group. The company also owned Olympus Sport, and the jewellers. Garrard and Mappin & Webb. Other names it once owned include Lewis's



Clore ran Sears in its heyday

department stores, sold in 1988, and William Hill, the bookmaker, sold for £331 million in December of that

year.

The decline of Sears arguably began many years before the current management joined the group. The true glory days were with Sir Charles Clore, the property magnate who



Strong: damaged by Facia deal

bought the J Sears (True Form Boot) company in 1954 and ran it, aided by of his trusted lieutenant, Leonard Sainer, until his death 20 years later. Sir Charles's legacy lived on in the company until four years ago through Geoffrey Maitland Smith.

He was chairman for nine years until handing over to Sir Bob Reid in 1995,

and had been a board member for 25 years, since Sir Charles's time.

With the group seen to be flounder-ing, Michael Pickard began to make some changes when he was brought in as chief executive in the late Eighties. It was he who sold Mappin & Webb and William Hill, and he also introduced Olympus Sport and Ad-

is still part of the group.

When he was succeeded by Liam Strong in 1992, the appointment was well received, and the shares rose. The honeymoon did not last long. The most damaging incident for Mr Strong, who finally left the group two

years ago, came when Facia, the re-tail business built by Stephen Hinchliffe, collapsed and the leases on 380 shoe shops that Mr Strong had sold to Facia reverted to Sears. Other sales of businesses — notably to Philip Green — were viewed as badly timed. Sir Bob's chairmanship of Sears saw it go into a sorry decline. An Bt-

tempt to sell Freemans failed and a proposed demerger last year was pulled because it, too, would have failed. Selfridges, which was demerged, has underperformed the market. Trading by what is left of the group has limped along. For once, calling shareholders — now able to exit Sears at 359p a share — "long-suffering" is not an overstatement.

SARAH CUNNINGHAM:

### Lookers hit by falling car prices

IOOKERS, the motor retail group based in Marchester, blamed a slide in used car prices for reduced full-year profits, adding that it expects car prices to continue slipping this year. However, Craig McKinney, chairman, added that January orders are at a similar level to last year and he expects a boost from the introduction of twice-yearly registrations which begin in March. "This year is likely to be similar to 1998. There will be continuing pressure on prices of new products and that will come through to the used car market," he said.

In the year to September 30, the group reported pre-tax profits down 4 percent at £8.6 million (£9.0 million) on turn-over on continuing operations of £5843 million. The figures were hit in part by a 40 per cent drop in business at its agricultural machinery division, which saw losses of £250,000. New car sales increased by 7.5 per cent due mainly to a large increase in sales in the less profitable fleet sector. Used car sales increased 10 per cent on the previous year. The final dividend is unchanged at \$65p, maintaining the total at 8.25p. Earnings were unchanged at 15.6p a share.

#### Halifax joint venture

HALIFAX has announced a 50/50 joint venture with Cetelem. a Paris-based specialist in the European consumer credit market. The new company, to be called Halifax Cetelern Finance, ket. The new company, to be caued Halitax Certelem Halance, will begin trading in the third quarter of 1999 and will offer credit for the purchase of durable goods at the point of sale. It is the latest in a string of Halifax joint ventures aimed at exploiting the bank's strong brand. Cetelen is a wholly owned subsidiary of Paribas. It specialises in consumer finance, managing accounts in France, Italy, Spain, Portugal and the Benelux countries. In 1997 its total funds under management were about £8.2 billion.

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#### Tadpole sinks lower

TADPOLE TECHNOLOGY, the specialist computer manufacturer, yesterday disappointed the City by reporting a rise in pre-tax losses from £3.5 million to £3.7 million for the year. ended September 30. Sales fell 30 per cent to £9.4 million, while losses per share fell from 10.3p to 6.6p. The company's shares, which traded at 307p in 1995, fell 0.75p to 11.5p yesterday. Tadpole said it was now focused on two kinds of computers: those which used the Linix computer language, and those which used the JAVA language. The company concluded that 1998 had been "a significant year in realising strategic goals".

#### ITG wins licence

SHARES in Internet Technology Group (ITG), the Internet service provider, rose by 22 per cent, to 1724p, after the company was awarded a telecoms licence by the Department of Trade and Industry. The licence will allow ITG to operate its own international telecoms network, and will therefore improve the company's margins on corporate Internet services. The company already has a high-capacity transatlantic link between London and New York, operated under a temporary licence.

### Enterprise cheer

SHARES in Enterprise lims, the tenanted pub operator, rose 16Hp to 379p after an upbeat trading statement. At its annual meeting, Hubert Reid, chairman, told shareholders that Christmas and new year trading had hit budget and the integration of Mayfair, Tayerns, acquired in October, had been completed "ahead of our expected timetable". He added: "Operating profit for the first quarter was ahead of expectations." and earnings are anticipated to benefit further from the increasingly benign interest rate movement."

#### Takeover at Division

DIVISION GROUP, the loss-making supplier of computer-aided design and manufacturing technology, has succumbed to a £28 million takeover by America's Parametric Technology, a software company which is listed on Nasdaq. The offer is worth 40p a share, compared with Wednesday's close of 354p and a 12 month high of 634p. Yesterday Division reported increased pre-tax losses of £3.8 million for the year to the end of October, compared with a £1.78 million loss in the previous year. There is again no dividend.

#### Daejan holds dividend

DAEJAN HOLDINGS, the property group, is maintaining the interim dividend at 19p after reporting pre-tax profits little changed at £12.6 million for the six months to the end of September, against £12.9 million previously. Earnings were 54.2p a share, down from 55.6p. The company said the results reflect a change of policy in offering residential units for letting rather than for sale. Daejan shares, which hit a 12-month high of £17.10 in July, were un-

#### Wiggins flies in US

WIGGINS GROUP, the property company that owns Kent International Airport, has agreed to acquire a 50-year lease on Smyrna Airport in Nashville, Tennessee, for an undisclosed sum. The airport handles 80,000 take-offs and landings each year, mainly corporate jets, jet maintenance and freight shipments. Wiggins also reported interim pre-tax profits of £634,000, down from £1.12 million previously when results benefited from property disposals. Earnings were 0.08p a share (0.16p). The dividend is again passed.

#### BT switches to Ericsson

BT has placed an order worth up to £270 million with Ericsson for high performance switches to expand its network capacity to meet the anticipated growth in intercet, high-speed data and video services. The switches will be deployed over the next four-years, with the first one scheduled to go live in June. The investment is in addition to the £800 million expenditure BT announced last May to extend significantly its core optical fibre transmission network. BT spends about £2 billion a year on network improvements and overall expansion.

## Zeneca's shares soar on merger progress

new high of £29.33 during trading yesterday, as the former drugs arm of IC1 took a big step towards completing its proposed merger with Astra of Sweden.

AstraZeneca - as the enlarged pharmaceuticals group will be known — is set to be-come Britain's fifth-largest company. Merger documents were issued to shareholders yesterday. The shares ended the day up 28p at £28.62, compared with a price of £18.60 in October.

October. Zeneca, said that the deal with Astra would create "a winning combination" and the third-largest pharmaceutical company in the world. The proposed company, which will report its results in dollars, has a stock market value of about

Sir David Barnes, Zeneca's chief executive, dismissed the chances of the deal being blown off course by a hostile offer for either partner. He said: "If someone is going to intervene, I would be the last to know. But do I regard it as a real possibility? No. 1

Yesterday's closing share price values values Sir David's stake at almost £6 million,

SHARES of Zeneca reached a even before his share options are included.

Zeneca also said its trading performance for 1998 was in line with market expectations. US pharmaceutical sales were 21 per cent ahead, with Zestril becoming the most prescribed hypertension drug in its class. Sales of cancer drugs were also strong.

The agrochemicals division finished the year strongly. The speciality chemicals business, which is up for sale, recorded lower sales than in 1997.

Detailed third-quarter results, published for the first time, showed that the strength of sterling reduced Zeneca's underlying pre-tax profits by 4 per cent to £845 million after nine months of 1998. At constant currencies, profits would have been up 9 per cent.

Sir David, who is to be deputy chairman of AstraZeneca, said the full-year cost of the strong pound is likely to be about £130 million. He said that profits would have been about E300 million higher but for the rise in the pound over the past two years. Tom McKillop is to be the company's chief executive.

Zeneca's shareholders will be asked to approve the deal



Novartis prepared for a major deal

NOVARTIS, the Swiss health- Ciba and Sandoz has been MONSANTO, the controver- Monsanto is also taking a care pressed its willingness to make a big strategic deal as it reported 1998 sales that disappointed analysts' expectations

(Paul Durman writes). Raymond Breu, chief financial officer, said: "You will always have a stream of smaller transactions. Once in a while you have larger transactions. That is part of growing your business and defending your leading positions."

Novartis, formed from the merger three years ago of for Zeneca, which is planning a £48 billion merger with Astra of Sweden.

Novartis sales grew by only 2 per cent to SwFr3L7 billion (£13.9 billion) although this represented a 5 per cent improvement in Swiss francs. Sales fell by 3 per cent in the fi-

Analysts had forecast an annual sales increase of up to 5

The group's shares fell 6 per cent in early trade.

### Monsanto suffers charges of \$800m

leading producer of genetically engineered plants, has disclosed the price of its phenomenal year of expansion, reporting charges of more than \$800 million (£485 million) for restructuring and write-offs (Garl Mortished writes).

The company said that charges of \$625 million in the fourth quarter would cover the cost of 1,700 job losses and the. disposal of assets. These are expected to save \$160 million a year for the company.

and desirionment write-offs relating to last year's multibillion dollar acquisition spree, which included the takeover of Cargill's international left Monsanto with a post-tax loss of \$603 million, compared with last year's \$5 million

Morisanto scored a political victory in Britain yesterday when a House of Lords. committee endorsed the use of genetically modified crops:

## Nissan to go ahead with £215m Sunderland plan

NISSAN, the debt-ridden Japanese car manufacturer. warned yesterday that 1998 profits from its UK manufacturing operation will be less than half the £77 million in 1997 because of the strength of

year, with exports exceeding

a million for the first time.

However, there was a big decline last month, amid

temporary factory closures

and short-time working

A total of 1.74 million cars

were made in 1998, a rise of 3

per cent on 1997. Those built for export rose 6.1 per cent,

(Christine Buckley writes).

Amid speculation that Ford night bid for its ailing rival, Nissan — which has debts of about £12.5 billion — held talks with workers at its factory in Sunderland to reassure them that an investment programme is going ahead. widely seen as being the most productive outside Japan.

UK car exports top 1m UK CAR output rose last to 1.02 million, according to

> Production of commercial vehicles fell 4.4 per cent, to 227.379. The home market fell 7.3 per cent, to 124,538. December car production fell 11.6 per cent. to 114.260. with the number of cars

built for the home market

down 31.4 per cent, to 40,996.

the Office for National

at Sunderland this year to prepare for the launch of the new Almera model, which will be built alongside the Primera and the Micra, its best seller in The Sunderland factory is

even though it is not heavily automated. It already employs about 4,300 workers. Recruitment for the new model, which required a £215 million investment, will take place in the summer. All staff at the plant will be retrained.

Despite the profits fall. Nissan sold 106,478 cars here in

1998, five per cent more than The Sunderland plant also exports heavily to the Continent. It will have capacity to build 350,000 cars a year after the new model is introduced.



BusinessLife TOMORROW

Who is this woman and why does she go to nightclubs carrying a video camera?

#### Mirror rejects £900m RIM bid BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR THE board of The Mirror Group yesterday rejected as inadequate the £900 million bid from Regional independent

Media, publisher of the Yorkshire Post, but left the door open for further negotiations. sume E500 million debts; lifting the total value of its offer to EL4 billion. RIM, which is run. by Chris Oakley, former chief executive of Midland Independent Newspapers, now part of the Mirror, will be given further information on which to base a formal offer. received two new independent

ference is not thought to be

Grenfell.. Mirror Group owns three

RIM has also agreed to as-Yesterday the Mirror board valuations of the group. Both, it is believed, place a higher value on the Mirror Group than the RIM offer, but the dif-

great enough to derail a possi-ble deal. RIM is backed by Cando-

ver, the venture capital group, and by the Soros Pund, the investment vehicle of George Soros, and Deutsche Morgan

national newspapers as well as the Daily Record in Scotland, The Newsletter in Belfast and Midland Independent Newspapers.
Trinity, the largest regional

newspaper group, which broke off talks with Mirror earlier this month, was planning a all-share offer. A share deal is preferred by

Phillips & Drew, the largest Mirror shareholder with more than 22 per cent. A number of other shareholders would probably be happy with RIM's cash if agreement can be reached on the valuation of the company.

Mirror shares fell 3p to 1984p yesterday.

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## Divine guidance for Laura Ashley?

FROM OLIVER ALGUST IN NEW YORK

THE REV PAT ROBERTSON, the new Laura Ashley director appointed yesterday, is sure to add a splash of colour to the retailer's rather gloomy balance sheet. But shareholders and shoppers may well ask what he can do to improve finances short of summoning divine help.

The company described Mr Robertson as "a noted media pioneer, educator, phi-lanthropist and religious broadcaster". This only bints at the unique role he plays in American culture and politics.

After his unsuccessful bid to be elected as the Republican Party's presidential candidate in 1988, he carved out a niche as political commentator extraordinaire. From his weekly televisual pulpit on the 700 Cluò programme, he preaches Christian

fundamentalism and chastises President Clinton. For two decades, Mr Robertson has been one of the strongest voices of ul-tra conservatism in America, a position he has expanded and fortified as chairman of the Christian Coalition, as much a business as it is a political lobby group.

Mr Robertson has wide-ranging business interests, controlled and sometimes headed by family members. The Robertsons own a refinery in California and companies in Africa and China, in addition to two million shares of a certain small English clothes retailer.

Until last year. Mr Robertson also controlled International Family Entertainment, a cable television company he founded. The business was sold to The News Corporation, parent company of The Times, for \$1.7 billion (£1 billion). His personal wealth has allowed Mr

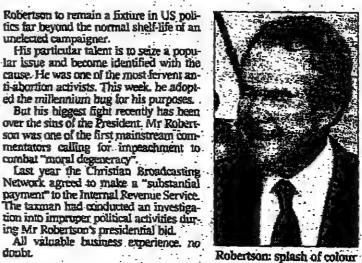
Robertson to remain a fixture in US politics far beyond the normal shelf-life of an unelected campaigner.
His particular talent is to seize a popu-

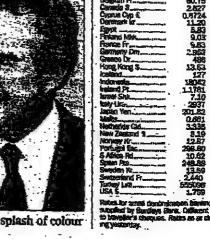
lar issue and become identified with the cause. He was one of the most fervent anti-abortion activists. This week, he adopted the millennium bug for his purposes.

But his biggest fight recently has been over the sins of the President. Mr Robertson was one of the first mainstream com-

combat "moral degeneracy".

Last year the Christian Broadcasting
Network agreed to make a "substantial
payment" to the Internal Revenue Service.
The taxman had conducted an investigation into improper political activities during Mr Robertson's presidential bid. All valuable business experience, no





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that of Allied Zürich, for exam-

ple. RSA desperately needs to bulk itself up to have any chance

is a lot of overlap to maximise

cost cutting. But RSA cannot afford a hostile bid for GRE.

After the high hopes of 1996, RSA rapidly lost friends by fail-ing to sort out in advance the

management of the merged group, resulting in the chiefs of

both previous companies being stripped of power a year ago. Bob Mendelson, who was brought over from the US opera-

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o Sears has gone Can Lau-ra Ashley be far behind? These two companies have far more in common than the desperate "Sale" signs currently splashed across their shop windows. Both are sorry tales of in-ept management and ineffective shareholders. The current retail downturn may have added to their problems but in both cases, it is the company and not the con-sumer that is culpable for shredding shareholder value.

Between them, they have provided lavish rewards to some of the most incompetent chief execues ever to have been given desk place. Just imagine how much faster either company might have been brought to its knees had it been able to employ both Liam Strong and Anne Iverson simulta-neously. What a wonderful don-ble act that would have been. Mr Strong deploying rafts of expensive consultants to devise duff but expensive — strategies and Ms Iverson rolling them out into huge new, unwanted, stores, pausing only to don her leathers

and pose for Vogue:

The boards of both companies were bamboozled by their fast-talking chief executives, although Laura Ashley was at least quicker to spot the flaws in Ms Iverson's tactics than Sears was in rumbling Liam Strong. Sir Bob Reid supported Strong when his failings as a leader and manager were painfully clear withe outside world. But Sir Bob

tends to take a blinkered view of life. His non-executives appear to be completely blindfold, for they sat and watched as the business that Sir Charles Clore had built up was gradually shrunk to its current pittful state. Lord Tebbit may have been a feisty politician but he sat on the Sears board for 12 years without, apparently, rais-

ing a voice of dissent.

Despite Sir Bob Reid's recent insistence that Sears shares were worth between £5 and £6, yesterday he recommended an offer of 359p as "a fair deal for shareholdas "a fair deal for shareholders". It certainly represents the fairest treatment they have had for some time. Given Philip Green's reputation as one of the sharpest operators, it is worth noting that, not so long ago, the shares languished below ISOp. If he is now prepared to pay so much more, he clearly has every confidence that he can extract the confidence that he can extract the sort of valuation that Sir Bob talked about.

Watching Mr Green and his backers make his profits will in-evitably be galling for Sears shareholders but those who had held the stock for years have only themselves to blame. Even after the fiasco of the Faria deal, they allowed Sir Bob to remain at the



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helm of the incredibly shrinking

If Sir Bernard Ashley had been removed from the scene sooner, Laura Ashley might not have been such a miserable tale. But he at least had the excuse of a huge shareholding to justify his interfering. His views on what has happened since are probably unprincable. Ditto the Malaysian investors who were persuaded to bail it out last time

#### Heavy weather for insurance bidders

uardian Royal Ex-change's future should have been settled by now eight weeks after the small-est of the independent composite insurers acknowledged that it was in play. But the baggling still goes on. still goes on.

Three years ago, when Royal and Sun Alliance were ponder-ing their merger, much of the industry was enjoying a healthy re-covery in profit. Even a year ago, when Commercial Union and General Accident popped the question to each other, things of surviving as one of the big glo-bal insurance players. And there

When fast talking had to stop

were not too bad. Margins on general insurance have now relapsed, along with most of the share prices, making it much harder to offer investors an attractive package. While other sectors boom, insurers never bounced back from the late sum-

bounced back from the late sum-mer post-Russia mini-crash.
Even GRE, buoyed largely by bid hopes, trades a quarter be-low its 1998 high of 475p a share. Sun Life and Provincial, backed by its ambitious French parent AXA, has seen its share price keep up but the early fa-vourite seems disinclined to play a premium price for GRE and a premium price for GRE and has been ruled out, along with other try-on bidders. That has left the beld for Royal & SunAlliance, which ought to be prepared to pay more.
With a market value only half

er than the £3 billion some rejected suitors had in mind.

At that price, a bidder would have to add value to GRE's jewels, such as the PPP sickness insurer, rather than just wield the axe. Anyone who tries will have to do a lot of convincing lobbying in hostile City parlours.

#### The insurance market's saviour

R on Sandler deserves a de-cent send-off when he de-parts from Lloyd's this summer. He may only have served four years but they were crucial years for the survival of the insurance market. Mr San-dler and Sir David Rowland rare-ly acknowledged just how close to extinction Lloyd's was, but they laboured mightily to achieve the settlements with the names and the new investment that would enable the market to survive.

tion to speed up the £175 million a year of planned costs cuts, has yet to see the fruits of his labours. At this tricky point, a strikingly timed circular from HSBC has South African Sandler might to the character of the control of t not have attracted the same headlines as his predecessor, the ec-centric Peter Middleton, but he did get the job done. Mr Middle-ton, izmous as the motor-bike ridup. It is aiming for 430p a share, valuing GRE at £3.8 billion, rathing former monk, made a hasty escape to Salomon Brothers but

did not appear to settle there any

more than he did at Lloyd's.

Mr Sandler's experience in sorning out Lloyd's might have made him the perfect catch for Barciays, still in search of a chief executive. He has probably been asked. But it seems that, like his predecessor, he is attracted to the world of investment banking. and is unlikely to have any trouble in landing the sort of globe-trotting role that will bring him a

It will be intriguing to see whether he will want to venture some of his money on becoming a Lloyd's name. Sandler had littie sympathy for those names who enjoyed the profits while they flowed but refused to pay up when fortune turned nasty. Lloyd's is now chasing them and, like Sandler, means business.

#### On-Line honesty

THE directors of On-Line clearly enjoy a joke. The chuckling was almost audible yesterday as they owned up to the fact that they are not really a whizzy. Internet-oriented business after all. Having sold some of their hugely over-rated shares, they could afford a spot of honesty. But the spirit of openness is unlikely to be contagious. Investors need to tread warily as they try and pick Internet winners. Arcadia's £1 million of Internet sales amount to a promising start but not a whole

### Mobil's spending cut by \$600m

forced Mobil to cut current year spending plans by 600 million (£364 mil-con), and the company has given warning that oil pro-duction will fall in 1999. The US oil company, which has agreed an \$80

billion merger with the rival Exton, has pruned its project portfolio and given warning that its 1999 budget may be cut further if oil prices fail to improve:

Mobil said its 1999 capital budget would be \$4.8 billion, down 11 per cent from last year. Drilling will continue in the new West of Shetlands area. Mobil's warning coincid-

with better than expected earnings from Excon. It suffered a 40 per cent fall! in fourth-quarter net profits, to \$1.5 billion, but carnings on a comparable basis were only 30 per cent down, less than the 50 per cent fall analysts forecast.

VAT ruling

Car leasing and trading companies had a setback in the European Court yes-terday when the Advocate General backed UK Customs and Excise's rights to limit recovery of VAT on cars. Up to £15 billion gould be at stake includand back-dated claims by the companies. The court's final judgment, which usu-ally follows the Advocate General's opinion, will be

made later this year. Cisco invests

Cisco Systems, the US technology giant, is making a £10 million investment in Scotland by unveiling a European research and development centre in Edinburgh, and starting its first European manufacturing. in Livingston. The invest-ment could create up to 160 jobs. The research centre is taldevelop software technology for world markets.

Krug for LVMH LVMH. the French luxury goods group, has bought the Krug champagne busi-ness from the Remy Comtreau drinks company for Fri billion (£107 million). LVMH products include Dom Perignon cham-pagne and Louis Vnitton leather goods.

Bank's £19m buy Brown Shipley, the merchant bank, is to buy Henry Cooke, the Ofex-traded instment manager, for restment manager, half of Cooke's shareholders have already accepted

## Bitter end near as Marston's rejects new Wolves' offer

MARSTON Thompson & Evershed yesterday rejected an increased offer from Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries, setting the scene for what is expected to be a tight finale to this increasingly bitter battle.

Wolves raised its offer from. 282p a share to 306.jp - valuing its prey at around £290 million - and raised the amount of cash it is offering to 230p compared to 182p under its original offer in November. The balance will be paid in shares.

However, Nick Letchet, Marston's chief executive, said the bid was "predicated on a flawed strategy that has consistently destroyed value and ed out that Wolves revised estimate of cost savings - up from E12 million to E17 million was still well short of the £24 million of synergy benefits promised by Marston's in its own £330 million counterbid

Most analysts expect the new offer from Wolves to be accepted, although some ex-pressed disappointment at the level of the increase. One said: "I was hoping for around 315p a share, so this is far from a knockout bid. It looks as though it's going to be close, although my view is that Wolves

should get it - just."
David Thompson, managing director of Wolves, said the revised offer was fair in that it represented a premium of 71 per cent over the Marston's share price prior to market speculation of a deal, and 54



David Thompson, left, managing director of Wolverhampton & Dudley, with financial director Ralph Findlay

per cent higher than the day before it finally launched its bid two months ago.

Mr Thompson dismissed Marston's so-called Pac-Man counterbid as "expensive" and "high-risk", adding: "It pur-ports to address industry consol-idation, but is in fact disintegra-

He also cast doubt on its ability to deliver £24 million of cost say ings without damaging the fu-ture prospects of the business. He also launched a figure attack on Mr Letchet for failing to follow a consistent strategy.

He daimed that while the

tion, downsizing and dilution." Marston's counterbid envisaged the retention of its Burton brewery, where it makes Pedigree bitter, this was "quite at odds with their recent offer to sell it to us". He said he had been offered the brewery twice over the past 12 months.

have until February 4 to decide whether to accept the raised offer. However, analysts expect Mr Letchet to respond by raising his own counterbid or, at the very least, to increase the cash element of the offer.

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### Hamleys adds to retailer gloom with drop in sales

BY SAEED SHAH

DIFFICULT trading conditions retailer and distributor of in an increasingly competitive market made for a disappointing Christmas and new year period for Hamleys, Blacks Lei-sure and William Baird.

The toy retailer yesterday re-ported group sales 2.4 per cent down for the 24 weeks to January 16, sending the shares 11p lower to 132kp.

Hamleys said, however, that

the decline in sales growth has been partially offset by the continued strengthening of margins. It said the flagship Regent Street store and Satellite operations showed strength" and sales were up 3.7 per cent on last year.

in the two weeks before Christmas, sales at the Regent Street store increased 12 per cent over the previous year. The House of Toys conces-

sions did not perform well, with sales down 14 per cent in the 24-week period.

William Baird, the clothing group, said sales for 1998 are expected to be 4 per cent lower than 1997, after flat sales in the first half. Profits for 1998 are expected to be slightly ahead at Baird's Brand business but behind in the division supplying Marks & Spencer.

The company said pre-tax profits for the year to December 31, 1998, are expected to be not less than £30 million. Last time, Baird made pre-tax profit of E31.1 million on turnover

of £550.9 million. Blacks Leisure Group, the

#### Shortage of phones alarming for JWE

sports clothing and equip-ment, reported that for the 20

weeks to January 16, 1999,

like-for-like sales were down

by 1 per cent overall. First Sport was down by 6 per cent. Blacks Outdoor ahead by 5 per

cent and Active Venture was

In absolute terms, sales

were 26 per cent up for the 20-

week period. The company

said its distribution businesses, Fila UK and O'Neill, are

trading well ahead of the previ-

and chief executive, sald he ex

pected pre-tax profit for the

to be ahead of the £13.6 million

achieved last time.

Simon Bentley, chairman

23 per cent up.

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By CHRIS AYRES

A SHORTAGE of pre-pay mobile phones over Christmas caused JWE Telecom. the Yorkshire mobile phone retailer and distributor, to issue a profit warning yesterday.
The shares fell 23 per

cent to 163% pafter it said it had sold just 16,000 handsets during December, 4,000 short of its target. John Weatherill, JWE's chairman, said: "Reduced margins on pre-pay phones and the mability of

supply to meet demand result in profits growth being below that we had hoped to achieve. However, trading has been very strong and we are well positioned to take

advantage of the growth predicted in the sector in the current year and be-

JWE has 50 retail outlets following its acquisition of Midland Phones.

For the six months to October 2, pre-tax profits grew by 5 per cent to E414,000, while sales rose 36 per cent to £12 million.

Earnings per share were 1.53p, down nearly 7 per cent from 1.64p. There is an interim dividend of 0.65p. the first since the company's float early last year.

## Arcadia rebounds on news of 300 job cuts

End headquarters come through 170 redundancies, with the rest resulting from a bixing treeze (Sarah Cunningham writes). John Hoemer, chief execu-

ARCADIA, the clothing retail tive, said the jobs being axed group, is cutting its head office are "members of the management committee, all the way ment committee, all the way down". They will cost the com-

pany £3.5 million but should save it £8 million a year. Mr Hoemer said that he had had it in mind to slim the organi-



merger from Debenhams last year. He had accelerated the operation in an effort to bring down costs. Arcadia's shares re bounded from their lows yester day, rising 30kp to 167kp.

its shares plunged in December after a profits warning and as analysis became worried that the group's high fixed custs made it particularly vulnerable to a downturn in sales.

The group, which is behind the Dorothy Perkins, Top Shop, Top Man, Evans, Princi-ples, Racing Green and Hawkshead brands, said yesterday that sales per square foot were down 1.9 per cent in the 20 weeks to January 16. Toral sales, including new space, were up 0.3 per cent. Home shopping and Internet sales have fared better.

## L&G among the top ten fund managers

By Richard Miles and Caroline Merrell Eagle Star, Zurich and Thread-

LEGAL & GENERAL has galloped into the top ten institutional fund managers by attracting more than fill billion of new business to its indextracking funds in 1998. The composite insurer said yesterday that funds under

management had grown to £77 billion (£57 billion) as trustees switched to "more consistent and cheaper products". Mandates of £250 million or

more accounted for a third of the new business, largely at the expense of Gartmore or Phillips & Drew. The growth helped Legal & General's total group assets to swell to E79 billion from E62 billion.

Worldwide sales of life and pension policies rose 21 per cent to £494 million. UK sales increased 16 per cent to £341 million Single-premium business showed the most improvement, up 23 per cent in UK life and pensions to £1.4 billion, continuing a decade-long trend away from regular pre-mium payments. Single premium Pep payments jumped 31 per cent to £755 million.

But David Prosser, group chief executive, sounded a note of caution: "We wouldn't be immune from any fall in consumer confidence. But the fourth quarter held up pretty well. We have not seen any significant falling away in business."

New business at Zurich Financial Services rose 18 per cent last year, boosted by sales through independent financial advisers. ZFS, comprising Allied Dunbar.

ing this year to continue to increase its sales through IFAs. Brian Thomas, Zurich Financial Services finance director, said: "We are on record as saying that we are looking for an acquisition in this sector. New premiums at the Allied Dunbar salesforce grew by 5 per cent to E240 million, while

needle, the fund manager, is hop-

net new business through the 1FA channel grew by 42 per cent to £155 million. Threadneedle, which pro-

vides the fund management for the group's products and offers its services to third narries, attracted £439 million of UK single premium invesment funds.

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## Bear necessity for ELC recovery

By MANUS COSTELLO

BARNEY the talking teddy bear came to the rescue of the Early Learning Centre over Christmas, it emerged yesterday.

John Menzies, the distribution company that owns ELC, said sales of the interactive bear, which can learn and repeat phrases, surpassed expectations, leaving ELC close to breaking even for the full

year, after successive years of losses. BLC sold 17,000 bears over Christmas. at £100 each, contributing £1:7 million to sales which were up 15 per cent like-for-

Last year ELC posted a £6.7 million loss. However, Menzies, which sold its newsagents to WH. Smith last year, still plans to sell ELC in the near future to focus on its core business, distribution, and as continue

the move into airport support services.

Mennies' pre-tax profits for the six months to October 31 rose to £3.2 million (£200,000)on a numover of communing opera-tions at £602.7 million (£582.4 million). Earnings per share were 2.3p (loss of 1.2p) and the interim dividend remains at 4.8p a share. The results were hit by a poor perform-

like in the four weeks before Christmas. ance from THE Home Entertainment, the music, video and book distributor. The group has set aside an exceptional charge of £15 million in the second half to recoganise the subsidiary.

David Mackay, John Menzies chief executive, called the situation at THE "unacceptable". He said: "We got it badly wrong in the last year and the buck stops with me." He said group second-half profits were likely to be "much closer to last year's performance." than they were in the first half.

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## FTSE falls as Net ci shows sign of dem

THE Internet gold rush showed its first sign of collapse yesterday on fears that the Wall Street craze for Net stocks is set to suffer an early

Dealers who had profited from selling to "99-ers" -- private investors who appeared after the new year in search of Internet companies, said that sellers were emerging for the first time.

This combined with fresh fears about a Latin American economic crisis to send the FTSE 100 index down 83.3 points to 6,022.3 — with strategists expecting another dip be-low the 6,000 level today.

Jiners were traced back to Barton Biggs, the influential chairman of Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Investments, He told a Tokyo conference that Argentina could be next for a crash, pulling Wall Street and London down after it.

This was credited with a 37/2p fall in Unilever, down to 6121/2p and Reckitt & Coleman, 25½p cheaper at 715p.

He also said that investors with little knowledge of finance were creating the internet "bubble" which would 500n burst.

His words were eagerly fol-lowed by London dealers waiting for the first signs that the Internet craze will implode.

Suddenly, having an Internet-sounding name was no longer enough. The dramatic fall of On-Line, off 53 per cent at 129p, was followed by Virtu-al.net, off 1071:p to 205p. Voss Net, down 22p to 571:p and

Netcall, 1Sp cheaper at 67p. These are all AIM-listed companies, and dealers on the junior exchange say they have never been so busy.

One said: "It was all private clients who've seen their money doubled every day. It was getting silly - Netcall is a telecoms company, but its name suggests otherwise so up it

profit-taking also claimed victims amongst the FTSE 250 camp and WH Smith, seen by optimists as the next Amazon.com. per cent to 571p.

Its shares have been in orbit since it agreed to buy AIM-list-Helicon Pablishing, steady at 100p. becoming Britain's largest Internet booksell-

Dixons. which connects 900,000 subscribers to the internet for free, was also losing



John Mayo, finance director, spent £262,000 of his own money buying GEC stock. The shares rose 4p yesterday

the covered status of quasi-in-ternet stock — falling 29p to

Smaller companies left out by the first phase of the Internet frenzy - usually those who make profits - continued to rank amongst the fastestclimbing small companies yes-

Intelligent Environments was the fastest riser, 32 per

cent better at 90p. Epic Group, which produces CD-Roms, was 4p better at 23p.
Internet Technology was 21
per cent higher at 172p and ri-

val Easynet rose 36½p to 280p. They both connect users to the Internet, and their shares had suffered on fears that the likes of Dixons would steal their market by offering free access. Recognition Systems shot

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IT HAS been a phenomenal formight for the Alterna-tive Investment Market. Since Monday last week, seven of London's ten best

risers have been listed on the junior exchange. But to look at the FTSE index, you think nothing had hap-

pened Size is the problem. The index is weighted — so the ironed out by nudges in the dozen stocks capitalised at over £100 million.

On-Line's 2,080 per cent rise would dent the FTSE AlM index by the same amount as a 3.7 per cent fail in Carlisle Holdings, its

AIM has its howlers, and its members usually fill the orst faller tables as well But the likes of Virtualinternet. Infobank and Netcall demonstrate the kind of

casino-like returns that only AIM is capable of generating—and are a remind-er of why there is much more to the market than suggested by its index.

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ing statement. In theory, this is its best day yet on the stock market even though the 22 per cent rise takes the shares back to December levels No such luck for Alldays, the convenience store chain off another 25p at 671/2p. The fear is now that the "cashflow prob-

lems it alluded to in its trad-ing statement could mean breach of the banking cove-Bear raiders who did so well out of Booker, off another penny to a new low of 46p, are sec-

ing Alidays as a chance to relive their success. The two companies both have the same problem - not so much sales, but sorting out the distribution between ware-

house and shop. After having agreed a £17 bil-tion merger, GEC does not look particularly vulnerable, adding 4p to 529/sp. But John Mayo, its finance director, said yesterday he had spent £262,000 of his own money buying another 50,000 shares

at 524½p apiece. The recent rumblings over First Leisure, tipped as a takeover target for Luminar, took a new turn yesterday on rumour that the deal may be constructed the other way round. industry sources believe Michael Grade, the cigarchomping chief executive of First Leisure, and Stephen Thomas, his counterpart at Luminar, are contemplating a merger that could be couched

as a nil-premium deal. GILT-EDGED: The British Chamber of Commerce survey made for a cheery day in the futures pit, confirming tough conditions for the service sector. Treasury 10 per cent 2001 added live ticks to 110°s Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was up £0.94 to £155.66.

NEW YORK: After falling

at the opening of trade as Brazilian stocks plunged, shares saw some recovery in late morning trade. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.49 points at 9.327.42.

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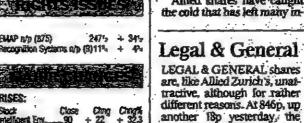
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## Wolves on target

out, being some 10p lighter than many had hoped. But the increased cash element, and the fact that the offer is now at a 77 per cent premium over the pre-bid Marston's price, underpin a persuasive Wolves argument

The main difference between the two sides -apart from a not insurmountable disparity over predicted cost savings -, is over the future of tenanted pubs versus managed houses. Marston's wants to offload tenancies and close Wolves' breweries to focus on high street concepts such as Pitcher & Piano. Wolves, on the other hand, worships at the altar of vertical integration. Wolves is one of the most efficient heermakers in the industry and for a regional - as the combined entity will remain -

YESTERDAY'S raised offer for Marston integration is appropriate. Shareholders can also vest greater confidence in Wolves' management. Nick Letcher and Mike Thompson agement. Nick Letcher and Mike Thompson of Marston's attract well-placed praise for their securitisation gambit and the Pac-Man delence proposals, but the fact remains that they have not been in place long enough to prove themselves. Without that background, their schemes smack of too-clever-by-half 63

nancial engineering.

Meanwhile, David Thompson of Wolves has a wealth of brewing experience, having previously worked at Whitbread. He is widely recognised as a solid operator by his peers. and has put forward an eloquent and well-rea-soned case in support of his bid for Marston's.

The result will be close. But unless Marston's comes back the Wolves offer is the better one and should be accepted.

#### Allied Zurich

SIX MONTHS ago, before the demerger of BAT Industries, it was an odds-on bet that the share price performance of the financial services company would leave the tobacco side in the shade. Events, however, have shown Allied Zurich scrambling to keep up with the market average, while the price of new British American Tobacco

Services, Zurich ded which it the Swiss alled Zuothing to London ch shares per cent per cent rise in new business premiums. Allied shares have caught

the odd Anglo-Swiss owner-

In life and pensions fears are that sales will suffer from the

slowing economic environ-ment and that profit margins will be squeezed by greater compension. Allied has big ex-

posure to much less favoured

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were somewhat dampened in

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John Menzies

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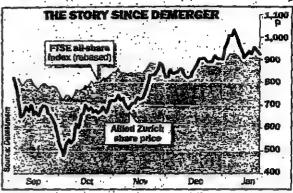
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surance stocks meandering ship structure. The departure

Legal & General LEGAL & GENERAL shares are, like Allied Zurich's, unattractive, although for rather different reasons. At 846p, up another 180 yesterday, the stock is at an all-time high. Moreover, the shares trade at a multiple of 40 times expect-

ed 1998 earnings per share.
L&G may be a juicy takeover target, but even these—
doubtful—hopes do not justify the stratospheric rating. Nor does L&G's power as an index-tracking fund manager. Nor does L&G's ability to capitalise on telephone direct sales channels while using independent and tied agent adviser networks effectively.

Davki Ptosser, Chief exect tive, held up yesterday's new business figures as proof that L&G has no need of a partimaginable it could get one. And if one strips out per-sonal equity plans — which are coming to an end this April - L&G's core 1998 UK revenues rose by 13 per cent. Regular premium business. mess in THE Home Entertainment became clear. Now margins in the newspaper disgenerally seen as betterquality earnings than single tribution business are falling. premiums because they tend. The direction in which the to stay on the books longer, group is beading is more segrew by just under 12 per cure, however. Newspaper distribution margins fell only cent. This is better than competitors, but a far cry from because longer-term con-

tracts have been signed, and the business is a good cash generator. Growth can come from Menzies's second string, airport cargo handling. The EU is trying to break up the market, which it sees as monopolistic, and Menzies Transport Services is well placed to take advantage, having already entered into a joint venture with the

If the management can overcome the THE and Early Learning Centre situations, the shares should progress. Moreover, there are funds available to acquire. But buy ers need forsight.

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## Costly drugs and mobile phones offer no cure for faltering market Imperative that US sets example on free trade

Paul Durman says price still

matters for future stocks' behind the

asset bubble

fact from Phillips & Drew, the hearish fund manager. If every man, woman and child in the UK had a mobile phone, and all of them made £250 of calls a year, the indus-try's total revenue would still be only a third of the stock market value of the UK's mobile phone companies.

This back-of-the-envelope calculation was done before Vodasone's £40 billion takeover offer for Air Touch of the share prices to even more extreme levels.

Vodafone's share price is two and a half times what it was at the start of last year, and, at £35 billion, the company is now worth more than ten times this year's sales and about 50 times its forecast profits.

Orange, yet to make a profit, has quadrupled in value and is now worth fil billion. BT is still dominated by traditional telephony but even it has seen its share price double.

Most extraordinary of all is the rise and rise of COLT Telecom. COLT's sales last year will have barely reached £350 million but it is already in the top half of the FTSE100 and is valued at £7.9 billion - more than big, long-established companies such as Bass, Safeway and Alliance & Leicester.

COLT has prompted many investors and commentators. to wonder whether the market has taken leave of its senses, but still the onward rush conthrues. Investor enthusiasm does extend beyond the telecoms sector but only as far as Internet related stocks - which bizarrely, has unloved retailers such as Dix-

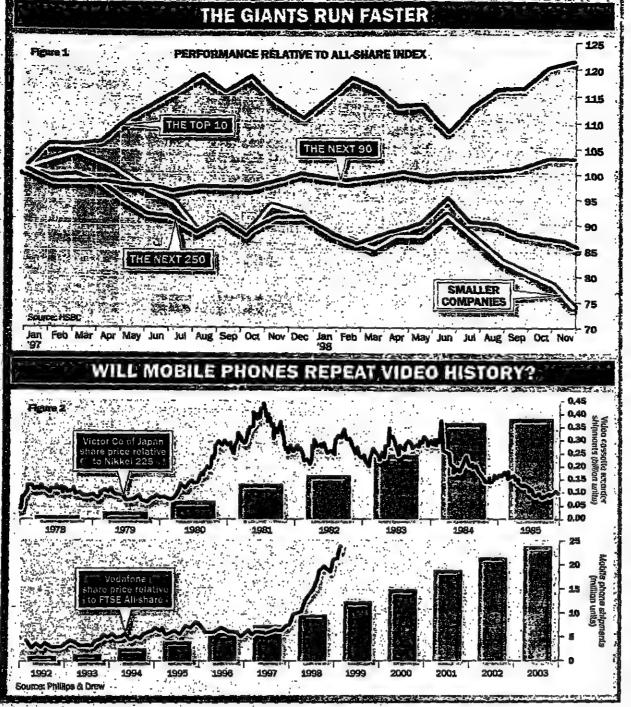
ons and WH Smith. The investment logic is that gling with recession in Asian and other emerging economics; investors are desperate to find "growth stocks", whose busi-nesses will prosper in a downturn. And telecoms, healthcare and the Internet form a Holy-Trinity of industries with un-

questionable growth potential. Even though telecom groups: are battling with rapid technological change, pharmaceutical companies are facing patent expiries and fierce pricing pres-sures, and Internet firms have yet to figure out how to make a profit, it seems no price is too high for these hallowed stocks. Price/earnings ratios (when there are earnings on which to calculate them) have soared far

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above historical norms. Rob Waugh, assistant director at Phillips & Drew, said: We are watching this market with disbelief."

P&D's clients have suffered because of the firm's cautious stance on the market in recent years. With big stakes in BTR, Coars Vivella and Sears, it is accused of buying the history of the stock market rather than its future. Nonetheless, the P&D



analysis - shared in part by many leading active managers - continues to pose difficult

The exceptional performance of a handful of very big going on in the UK stock mar-ket. Since the Russian economic crisis spilt over into Western financial markets last August the FTSE 100 bas climbed back to almost record levels. However, Phillips & Drew

argues, this is almost entirely due to the unjustified rise in the price of the largest companies. Much of the FTSE 100 is actually trading sideways or even in a bear market.

This can be seen from figure 1. It shows that the FTSE 100's outperformance of the wider stock market during 1997 and 1998 was almost entirely due to the ten largest companies. The

rest of the index barely kept pace. The escalating value of the big ten is scarcely explained Table 2 suggests the largest companies will, on average, reits for their latest financial year, largely because of the colapsing oil price and Glaxo Wellcome's loss of Zantac sales.

Glaxo's profits are predicted to bounce back strongly this year because of a series of new drugs. But does this justify the 150 per cent rise in the share price since the start of 1997? Its ple ratio relative to the FTSE All-share index — a meas-

TEN FROM THE US NIFTY FIFTY....

ure of its expensiveness com-pared with the rest of the stock market - doubled to about 1.5 between 1994 and the start of 1998. But since then it has soared even further, recently peaking at 2.75. The stampede of the

3.9

largest 200 or so companies. important still is the growing influence of Lindexation. More and more investors are buying shares in the biggest

giant companies is being driv-

en by sheer weight of money.

In part this comes from the US:

investment managers awash

with mutual fund cash are turn-

ing to Europe. Many are re-

companies simply because they are the biggest compames. This can be self-perpetuating: as Vodasone and COLT rise through the ranks of the FISE 100, they attract an ever greater weight of funds.

This phenomenon extends well beyond true index funds. Actively managed pension funds, tired of underperform-

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ing, have moved closer and An analysis by Schroder Securities showed pension funds were significantly under-weight in the big four sectors

banks at the end of 1996. But since then, closet indexing has prompted pension funds to increase their weighting in these sectors from 87 to 96 per cent.

Mr Waugh said: "Every-one's been hit too hard. Nobody can afford to take |their own] positions any more. They are saying: We can't take the pain. Let's just buy the bloody

Part of the problem is the cult of equity. Investors are so comfortable with the idea of better returns from stock market investment that they find it hard to imagine how they might lose by investing money in a great

come. Yes, the shares may fall in the short term, but in the long run shares will always outperform other investments. won't they? Price becomes almost an irrelevance.

Table I shows how badly flawed this thinking has proved in the past. It shows the performance over seven years of ten well-known members of the Nifty 50 - the great US corporations that turned in barnstorming performances in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Companies such as McDonalds, Disney and IBM continued to produce respectable profits growth. Yet the share prices of these and all the other examples; declined as the stock market underwent a massive de-rat-

50 fell by almost 80 per cent. Mobile phones and the Internet are exciting opportunities, but stock markets have seen many new technologies in the past - and have frequently overvalued them. Figure 2 shows the tremendous growth in NC's share price that attended the arrival of the video cassene recorder. But while VCR sales continued to grow, NC's share price went into reverse as competition drove down returns. Can Vodafone really retain its huge margins, or is it facing the same fate?

Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, whose reading of financial markets is almost universally applauded, sounds regular warnings about stock mar-ket levels. This week he said the high level of US share prices "would appear to envision substantially greater growth of profits than has been experienced of late". Despite shrinking profit forecasts and the economic problems in Brazil and elsewhere, the markets in the US and UK have repeatedly brushed off such cautions. UK stocks were this week trading at a record multiple of profits.

Meanwhile, markets continue to display behaviour which, if not irrational, is certainly highly peculiar. The startling rises of any company that can claim a link with the Internet is the most obvious example.

more than 100 points have become routine as price volatility has risen sharply. For the bears, these are danger signals. Even those who sympathise

with this analysis find it hard to imagine what will bring the bull run to an end - particularly because of the weight of money pouring into the markets from US retail savings. The markets have shrugged off the October 1997 scare, Russia, Long Term Capital Management and now Brazil.

Phillips & Drew argues that the support from the "weight of money" is illusory. It really indi-cates a preference for people to hold liquid assets. The US savings ratio has dropped so low it has turned negative — surely an unsustainable position.

Most investors find it hard to conceive that the market might fall by more than 10 or perhaps 20 per cent. After all, the economic outlook in many Western economies remains

relatively sanguine. However, with the largest companies trading at such racy prices, the risk is that when the bubble bursts the ensuing crash will be similarly extravagant. The US economy looks almost invulnerable just like Japan ten years ago.

Express, had hoped for similar star-dom when he learned that The

Divine Comedy ta pop group, by the way) was releasing a single called National Express. He played the CD

to analysts, gave it away to the press. and offered to appear in the video for

Alas, the group have decided to shoot the entire video in a mental hos-

pital with the lead singer being

wheeled around acting like a mad-

man. The main reference to buses

comes in a granultously rude line

about a stewardess. Never mind -

there's always the hope of a remake

JASON NISSE

of On The Buses.

From Mr L. Rampersaud Sir. The article published on January 13, 1999, titled "US facing trade war with Japan and Europe" illustrates America's "true" commitment to free trade. It reinforces the view that the GATT and indeed its son, the WTO, was only set up for the gains of its designers. Indeed, while the US was un-

challenged as an economic power, it sought to open international markets for its exports; when its economic strength, at least in relative terms, started to shrink it was less keen. This is precisely what can be seen from Charlene Barshelsky's mercantalistic view on Japanese steel imports. From a country that is

meant to be committed to free trade, we are seeing escalaring protectionism and strong reminders of the 1980s when charges of dumping were the protectionist's weapon of choice and nearly 80 per cent of all actions brought against foreign competitors were anti-dumping cases. The Uru-guay Round neglected this issue because the negotiators with the most muscle, the US and what was then the EC, broadly agreed to make the anti-dumping code in GATT more effective. We should be wary of terms like "more effec-

uive" which under closer inspection actually mean 'more protectionist". It is important that the fundamental basis for trade must not be lost sight of: that it is relatively cheaper to produce goods in

some countries than others. The real task for the future of trade talks is how it should deal with the emergence of regionalism. If we are to avoid regional trade wars dominated by the US, Japan and Europe, the leading governments in our world economy should not stray from the liberalist principles of the trade talks.

The weakening of the mulplateral approach has been gradual and by neglect. through the accumulation of ad hoc decisions to protect specific sectors. These departures from the original design of free trade agreements have created a period of insta-bility and uncertainty in interessential for the US to set an example as indeed your City Editor points out on January 13: "the open trading system depends on that American commitment." Yours faithfully, Luke Rampersaud. 79 Chiffsea Grove, Essex SS9 ING.

#### Benefits of working time directive

From Mr lan McCartney, Minister of State, Depart-

ment of Trade and Industry Sir, The Working Time Directive (Commentary, January 8 and 9) gives the basic rights to workers that most people take for granted, but which have been denied to far too

many for far too long.

Many agency workers work part time in order to bal-ance work and family life. They need regular rest breaks and paid leave just as much as anyone else. That is why the Government has included them in the scope of the Working Time Directive.

Agencies already keep a note of their workers' hours. The only extra requirement is to ensure that staff do not work more than 48 hours a week on average without them agreeing in advance to do so. And providing paid leave on a pro rata basis in no way should need a doubling of charges. The best companies provide paid leave, rest breaks and a sensible working week because they recognise that people need time away from the workplace.

Workers in other European countries benefit from the Working Time Directive. Its introduction into the UK was long overdue. IAN McCARTNEY.

l Victoria Street, London SWIH OET.

#### Panel must recognise impartiality

From Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale Sir, I would like to rectify one

point in your Commentary of January 7. I am not questioning the essence of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers. I do question its present operational practice in terms of enforcement of its own Spirit, Principles and Rules, and its executive structure which ignores the "Rule against Bias".

I do believe that he or she must be seen to be impartial. It is relevant that the Panel it-

self recognizes the need for impartiality in Section 1(e) of the introduction to the Code. It could also recognise this at the executive level as there are three deputy directors general who would have to act if the director general were indisposed. They could therefore surely act if there is a potential conflict of interest. Yours faithfully,

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AS WE pointed out in the Commen-tary yesterday, Bernard Asher may be relieved that he did not release Lonrho Africa's awful results before shareholders rejected Blakeney Management's attempts to oust him as the company's chairman: But it appears a second time.

he is not out of the jungle yet.

The company's first annual general meeting since demerging from Lonrho is to take place next month. Mr Asher is not up for re-election, arguing that he does not need to stand as he survived the EGM vote. However,



Egan from Laura Ashley only five months after the arrived, its seems that the clothing retailer has decided on spring and autumn chief executives.

company's articles of association and

the Companies Act to see if this is ac-

tually the case. If it is not Mr Asher

may have to face his shareholders for

away. Miles Morland, the fund man-

ager's boss, tells me that he was go-

ing to send out a detailed press re-

lease attacking Lonrho Africa's re-sults but decided merely to say "Res

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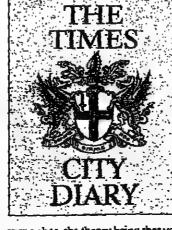
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thing speaks for itself".

Meanwhile, Blakeney has not gone

Sole invites

THOSE boys at Belgo Group are an . odd lot. The invitations that have gone out for the opening of the new Belgo restaurant in New York at the end of this month are attached to a va-riety of clearly well-worn shoes. I'm told that this has got something to do with a Belgian beer that is traditionally served in an expensive wooden stand. Apparently, the waiters would. only serve you the beer if you handed



over a shoe, the theory being that you would get your shoe back once you'd handed the wooden stand back.

What's more, following in the voin of its two London restaurants, Belgo Noord and Belgo Centraal, the new venue is to be called Belgo Nieuw York. The boys have also come up with a bizarre spelling for their new Vietnamese-style restaurant opening in March in London's Percy Street. It will be called Bambou (sic).

Rothschild joy

I UNDERSTAND that the Champagne corks are popping at the Paris office of NM Rothschild (OK, OK ) know that the Paris office is called Rothschild et Cie, get off my back). The reason for this jollity is that Rothschild has emerged as the top bank in French mergers and acquisitions for 1998, according to the appro-priately but uninventively named magazine Fusions & Acquisitions. The rise of the house of Rothschild

AND THE UK TOP TEN

has caused much consternation in Paris, as it signals once and for all the decline of Lazard Freres, the merchant bank that was once so powerful that it virtually ran France. In 1997 Lazard was eclipsed by Goldman Sachs. Un blip, suggested local experts. But in the following year Lazard was pushed back into third. with Goldman second.

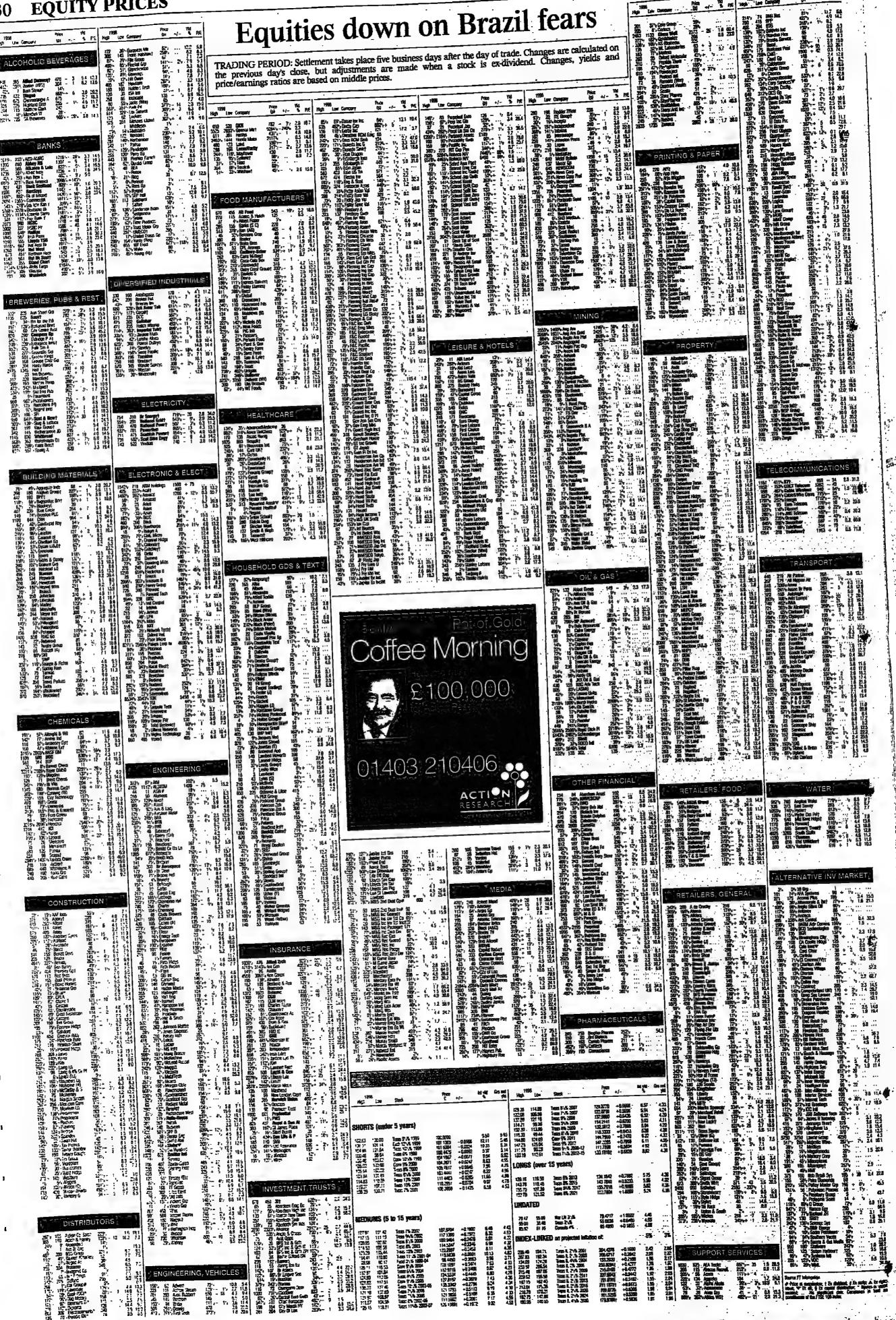
All this is seen as more power to the elbow of David de Rothschild, heir apparent to Sir Evelyn as leader of the family bank and founder of Rothschild et Cie. But also watch out for the Paris dealmaker, Edward de Rothschild - David's half brother.

TRIPPING down Piccadilly the other day I though I might pop into Simpson's to pick up some bargains in the "Good buy" sale. But what is this I hear over the piped music? The 1970s hit I Will Survive by Gloria Gaynor. Alas, as Simpson's is to close and will become a branch of Waterstone's, it

Single success
AS Neil Kinnock and John Kenley

have proved, nothing improves your image among yoof quite as much as featuring in a pop song. Remember Tracey Ullman's version of They Don't Know -- or Tribe of Toffs' John Kettley is a Weatherman? Phil

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IN THE ARTS

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phisticated. For instance, I could

approach some mischievous opera-





ollywood is never short of people tossing bizarre writs at each other. You have heard of vanity publishing? Well, this is vanity suing. But even hardened observers of Tinseltown trauma are awestruck by the latest wacky courtroom tiff. A Los Angeles judge is at present pondering whether Dustin Hoffman, a movie star of the most dogged Method-Acting persuasion, should be awarded \$5 million in damages because Los Angeles magazine depicted him in a woman's dress without

seeking his permission.
Students of motion-picture history will realise that there are comolex cultural references involved here. In his 1982 hit Tootsie, Hoffman did indeed dress up as a woman - and very ravishing he looked, too. So why is the magazine being sued? Apparently because it showed Hoffman in the wrong sort of dress. Using computer technology it doctored the Tootsie poster, removing a rather M&S-style red gown from Hoffman's lithe body and replacing it with a fetching offthe shoulder number. The altered

## 'Tootsie' Dustin forgets his dress sense

picture was then put on the fashion pages with the caption "Dustin Hoffman isn't a drag in a buttercolored silk gown by Richard Tyler and Ralph Lauren heels."

Had such an unauthorised vision of loveliness appeared in an advertisement, Hoffman's case for compensation would be much stronger: his image would clearly have been exploited for commer-cial gain. But Hoffman cannily claims that a magazine's fashionspread is virtually an advertise-

ment for the clothes portrayed, Nonsense, the magazine retorts, Fashion pages are editorial, and therefore protected by the First Amendment. I leave historians to ponder whether Benjamin Frank-lin and company intended the no-ble prose of the American Constitution to be applied to the case of a cross-dressing actor depicted in a frock that is not his own. It's not im-

to live in an irony-free zone - says that his "right of publicity" has been violated. On the other hand, Los Angeles magazine's position is also not without ironies. After all, it is owned by Disney, one of the world's most lingious organisa-tions when protecting its own sacred Mickey Mouse trademark.

Of course there are bigger issues involved here than Hoffman's bust size. The phrase "the camera never lies" has always been one of the world's great lies. People have been tampering with photographs since snapping began. Either it has been done whimsically, as in that celebrated 1917 "proof" of fairies at the bottom of someone's garden; or for more sinister reasons, as when banished ministers disappeared retrospectively from official photographs in Stalin's Russia.

tive in The Times graphics department with two perfectly sober photographs of, say, Miss Melinda Messenger and the Archbishop of Canterbury - and within minutes we could fiddle the originals so that these two pillars of British soci-But computers have made photograph manipulation much more so-

Nor is this dangerous technological alchemy confined to still images. So many television advertise-ments now tamper with old films in the cause of flogging new cars think of Dennis Hopper appearing to motor past his younger self in Easy Rider) that the trick has be-come a cliché. Now there is talk of creating "new" Marlene Dietrich and Greta Garbo movies. The computer will digitally store the screen legend's characteristic body movements and vocal traits, then feed them as required into new scenes

and dialogue. A macabre idea? Perhaps, but I bet the interest will be enormous. After all, tomorrow a vast crowd will gather at Wembley Arena for Elvis Presley — The Concert, in which the voice and screen image of the pelvically mobile one will be shed electronically with live

ety appeared to be caught in the backing from his former associ-most thrilling conjunction. backing from his former associ-ates. This marks the first time that an entertainer who is no long-er living has headlined a concert." the promoters say. Oh really? Have they never seen the Royal Variety Performance?

> Morrison to foresee image manipulation becoming one of the big legal battlegrounds. More and more celebrities will be going to court of la Dustin to court going to court, & la Dustin, to protect their "right, of publicity".
>
> M'learned friends will have a ball. And what about the rights of the

dead? Who is to say that Carbo would have approved of her com-puterised image early presiding over some sultry new drama? Surely at this late stage in her career she really might want to be alone.

The easy answer is "her heirs and estate will protect her". But one's dearly beloved relatives are

not necessarily the most scrupt-lous: guardians of one's posthate mous reputation, especially if they? can smell money in the air. Has Jacqueline du Pré been well served by her sister? I merely ask.

The fact is that computerised image manipulation, like genetic engineering, has leapt out at us before we have had time to devise a relevant code of ethics. But the genie can't be stuffed back into the bottle now. People in public life probably have to accept that if they want to breathe the heady oxygen of publicity they must renounce control of their image for ever. There's no point in suddenly shouting at the media, in the immortal words of the Princess Royal, Why don't you

just naff off? They won't.

So all in all, I think Dustin has been a bit daft. Mind you, if Los Angeles magazine ever depicts me in a Richard Tyler silk gown I shall certainly sue. For one thing, the Editor has exclusive serialisation rights to the bodies of all Times. journalists. For another, I never wear anything except Armani. And a string vest in winter, of course.

## Guns and girls were all Greek to us

s someone sings in The Mikado, "and I am right, and you are right, and everything is quite correct," which just about sums up Paul Barker's new children's opera, given just two performances on Wednesday and Thursday by Lontano and the New London Children's Choir. The general message is that war is simply frightful and killing people awfully wrong, something that those who go to opera in Western Europe have more or less hoisted in, but maybe Lontano is planning an extensive tour of the Balkans, followed by a

The piece is also written for that the correctness starts to nice). War is raging overhead. performers:

run at the Pentagon.

wear a bit thin. Stone Angels lasts for about 40 minutes, and there is a long synopsis in the programme, a wise precaution since without it even the most warm-hearted audience would be hard put to know what on earth was going on.

Roughly speaking, survivors of an air crash on an island off Greece encounter two groups of girls: Stoners (proper little Ladies of the Flies, nasv) and Glooks (peaceable,

mayhem — the dramaturgy is simply chaotic — one of the girls refuses to flee the Stoners, half of whom are so sur-prised that they lay down their stones and join her before everyone shame-facedly shuffles off stage - the direction, such as there is, is chaotic as well. Empty stage, long postlude, end of opera. In one very peculiar episode, aircraft manned by the girls' parents (I think I'm right) drop pornographic magazines on the is-

absence of any boys seemed especially regrettable. Barker is an experienced opera composer and cannot be accused of writing down to his

land, and it was here that the

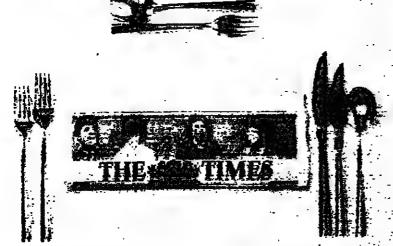
and rhythms, vocal lines hard to pitch. Fine, but the children - all of whom deserve highest praise - had to concentrate so hard on their music that words took second place and were often inaudible, and passages in Greek were no help. There was a great deal of speech and melodrama, and neat differentiation of musical language for the two groups. Odaline de la Martinez conducted the five-

group efficiently. The main point of interest in the evening was how it all came to pass. The absence of anyone to pull it into some sort of coherent dramatic shape proved fatal.

strong Lontano chamber



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CHANGING TIMES

### Magic circle

CONCERTS

oehrfest is the pithy, if less than elegant, title of an enterprising series of concerts taking place in Cambridge over the next couple of months. The occasion is the retirement of Alexander Goehr, who has been Professor of Music at Cambridge University since 1976, but the opportunity has been taken to celebrate and promote the work of the many composers who have come within Goehr's orbit over the past quarter-century. Robin Hollo-way and Hugh Wood, along with Goehr himself, have been at the centre of this circle, but younger generations too (George Benjamin, Julian An-derson, Thomas Ades and many others) have come to prominence and all are represented in Goehriest.

For the opening concert on Wednesday night in the West Road Concert Hall, the University's Quartet in Residence, the Endellion String Quartet, gave a neathy balanced programme of Haydn, Schumann and Goehr (the latter's String Quartet No 3, dating

from 1975-76). If the first move ment of the Goehr was modelled to some extent, by the composer's own admission, on Beethoven (specifically the E Minor Piano Sonata Op 90), then the second movement recalls Haydn in its quizzically conversational phrase endings. The third movement is altogether more opaque, however, more densely argued, and the Endellion steered an adroit course through these difficult

In Haydn's Quartet in D. Major Op 71 No 2 the ensemble's close rapport enabled it to explore a range of moods over the course of the four movements. Well-sprung rhythms gave a buoyant feel to the fast-er passages, while the Adagio cantabile was as songful as its title implies.

Schumann's debt to

Beethoven, in his A Minor Quartet Op 41 No 1, is rather more explicit than Goehr's. In the Adagio, the long-breathed main theme inevitably recalls the slow movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. The Endellion succeeded in sustaining these arching lines throughout the movement. and offered a smoothly contoured, rather than sharply defined discourse in the first movement. Despite Schumann's dedication of the quartet to Mendelssohn, they perhaps rightly treated the Scher-20 not as one of that composer's elfin creations but as a sturdier, more passionate ut-

## Going

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tor, we've admired

the soprano wife and now we've heard the instrumentalist. Or some of us have. The prospect of witnessing Sakari Oramo's first appearance as a violinist in Symphony Hall, directing the strings of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in Bach's Concerto in E major while coping with the solo part, proved to be a less than irresistible attraction. Bearing in mind the rest of the eccentrically compiled programme, which included also Jean-Féry Rebel's Les Eléméns and Brahms's Second Symphony, it is not very surprising.

Obviously, those who stayed away are not to be credited with any kind of prescience but the fact is, it was not a particularly persuasive per-formance of the Bach. It was intelligently phrased and coloured and, though not exactly authentic, it was more than acceptably stylish. The violin line seemed thin in these acoustic conditions, however, and there was not much improvement in this respect even when the soloist-director's nerves settled down and what had been

an overbright sound relaxed into something less edgy. After the Bach, it made good musical sense, if not good box office, to go on to another

roque work of a quite different kind. The beginning of Les Eléméns, which opens with a prelude called Chaos and with dissonant harmonies based on a chord of the 13th, is quite astonishing. The pre-Strauss use of two piccolos to represent birdsong and the pre-Wagner fire music are less sensational but no less interesting. It was difficult, on the other hand, to believe in the legitimacy of the ceilidh-like yelps from members of the orchestra in the Tambourin. Until a smart musicologist demonstrates the authenticity of these interventions scepticism is not out of or

As the most Baroque-minded of the great composers of the 19th century, Brahms was well placed in the second half of the concert. It was reassuring to hear the Second Symphony so well done in the traditionally mellow, lyrical manner with nothing too urgent or splendidly sonorous orchestrai presence, sensitively shaped instrumental solos and a powerfully cumulative structural purpose. If the brass-laden ending seemed more manic than triumphant. more in the manner of Tchaikovsky than Brahms, that was

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the one miscalculation in an otherwise idiomatically a perceptively characterised in terpretation.

## inder a cloud

improved on the jourpey from Stratford to the Barhican. Set on a rough Middlesbrough housing estate, all bro-land windows, families and eves, it purports to question whether environment, upbringing or impate character breeds bad behaviour. Every so often, a thoughtful and sub-tic idea raises its head, only to sink under the weight of an under articulated script.

Teenage troublemaker Jamie

is on trial for a crime commit-ted by his friend Luke, whose 17-year-old sister Rhona is carrying Jamie's child Rhona tries to convince Lake to confess; Jamie's mother Kay is not so sure, since she turns out to care more for Luke than her son. Noel, a juror who believes in Jamie's innocence, pitches

in by starting an adulterous affair with Kay, and he and Rhona summon Kay's old French nanny to sort things out.

French nannies? Council es-

tates? Iruplausibly, Kay is the heir to a viticultural fortune frittered away by a spendthrift mother. This allows everyone except poor Jamie, who has been put away for four years) to up sticks and go picnicking in the Loire, where the sadistically severe nanny succumbs to the adolescent attractions of Luke, and like Kay refuses to trade him in for Jamie's freedom. Silly enough anyway; but unfortunately, Paul Pop-plewell's callow, charmless tuke makes a wholly unconvincing sex-god, which torpe-does any last shred of credibili-

Too often the dialogue is artificial, and though a constant if studied, intensity holds the attention, Steven Punlott's statle direction fails to liven things up. But there are incidental pleasures. The promising Emma Handy yaks away engagingly as spiky motormouth Rhona, and Ryan Pope's forceful Jamie manages to balance whining self-pity with residual pride Susan Brown as Kay is tremently rouching, the rot. She chillet do much will start in blig fatic part. The unob-trusive set, all graffin daubed. metal shutters and concrete slabs - a bit like the Barbican

— gives good service.
"It's all degrees, a bit of knowledge here, a bit of understanding there. It's all a mess," says Lake towards the end. To be charitable, maybe Holman intended to suggest that understandiffe motivations, ascribing guilt, is an impossible task if so, it does not make for gripping drama. A brave play, but ultimately unrewarding.

NIGEL CLIFF



Caught in the Bard's Viennese whith Robert Glenister plays the Duke as a man propelled into a nervous breakdown, while Clare Holman is an Isabella pushed on to the sidelines

## Beauty and a universal beast

Duke begin Measure for Measure in fine, princely style. They calmly hand over the running of Vienna to the puritannical Angelo and se-dately leave for their sabbatical. Not in Michael Boyd's production. Robert Glenister slumps grey faced in a chair with a gin bottle while extracts from Revelation play on the wooden, wall behind him, and then, hearing his aides bearing down the door, totters down a walkway into the stalls, Angelo, Escalus et al are left to hear his instructions relayed to them via the sort of creaky gramophone you might have found to Schnitzler's Vien-

gentleman of all temperance"; yet I cannot regret It. One reason why Measure for Measure is classified as a problem play is that the Duke's mo-tives in disguising himself as a friar and spying on Angelo are hard to ex-plain in any normal way: so hard that scholars have been impelled to see him as symbolising God, Christ, James I, Heaven knows whom. Glenister's Duke has, you feel, been propelled into a nervous breakdown by the confusions and contradictions, expectations and disappointments of exercising power in messy Vienna. How will a quite different kind of man — the cool, tough, stain-less Angelo — deal with the pres-

THEATRE when the returning Duke's irregu-lars disarmed Angelo's well-drilled of-

ficers and ensured that there would be no coup in dear old Vienna, I cannot regret that either. Stephen Boxer gives a quietly terri-fying performance as the corrupt in-corruptible himself. At first he wears

the sort of Russian peasant costume that Bolshevik intellectuals affected It is awkwardalt invalves unforth. This conditions the play a distribution of the play more than others, skull emblem, would suggest the SS.

The object of Angelo's predatory lust, calus's later claim, that the Duke is a and, though I blinked at the moment. And all along he justifies what might. in the early days, later a grey uniform

be sartorial tricksiness with the quality of his acting.

Boxer's Angelo is aggressive, cyni-

cal, arroganity self-confident, con-temptoous of lesser mortals and, in his frosty, dispassionate way, very fond indeed of power. We have heard this man's dehumanising rhetoric in our own era: the all-too-credible vow to sacrifice his brother or son to some abstract "Justice": the frightening declaration that he shows most pity when he is harshest, "for then I pity those I do not know". He will no doubt be primly spreading misery in the next century too, for he is a universal monster.

Boyd's approach, bold and even brilliant though it is, rewards some

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ingly played though she is by Clare Holman. But the brothel and jail scenes are pretty strong. When whores are lazily whipping transvestite men, or the pimp Pompey is play-ing comically sadistic games with his fellow prisoners, you can see why

Boxer's punitive Angelo has political You can also see why Glenister's human, tolerant Duke has despaired. His rendering of the great speech about the virtues of death comes across, not as a prolonged extract from the Dictionary of Quotations, but as a personal expression of ontological derision. After all, in a world as ungovernable as this, how does a good prince cope?

BENEDICT

### Talking<sub>.</sub> body language

lothes? They're so, like, yesterday. Even royal-ty now knows that what really talks is the body and what you do to it; pierce it, tattoo it, cut it, expose it. Mass communication has destroyed the tribalism of costume; every kid from Tashkent to Tokyo sports Identikit combat pants and funky Nikes; the Mods must be turning in their par-

Performed, for the most part, in the nude, Gilles Jobin's A+B+X creates a new abstract of the human body. The three performers pull themselves through dim pools of greenish light in a series of extraordinary contortions; now headless, now dismembered. now popping with strings of tensed muscle; the low unnatural colour picking out their contours like an alien landscape.



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Positions more often seen in the pages of Readers' Wives are rendered sexless, played out against a harsh Industrial soundtrack. Such conceptualism is cut through with a knowing humour; after spending a quarter of an hour with their naked bottoms held aloft. the trio retreat with a comic wiggle of their rears, in a kind of arty crowd you may be, but we know what you're looking at fashion.

In a way the dehumanisation of A+B-X is easier to accomplying the second of the secon

cept because of the perfection on display; not simply of the bodies themselves, but of the sustained control of the excruciating sequences they put themselves through. The clean lines of the movement pieces are framed by film footage of the arch self-mutilator Franco

B in all his ghoulish glory.
Predictably, the moment the cast don clothing, they appear more exposed than before, and the sight of Jobin mooning is surprisingly grim. The final performed image of a woman standing naked with her face covered, glowing white in the glare of four spotlights, is still shockingly vulnerable, despite all that has gone before; the naked body is after all, always

HETTIE JUDAH

## Positively uninhibited

n his new play Brad Fras-er continues to make his characters jump through the hoops of love, sex and hon-esty, is it possible, so his cartoonist hero Matt is presumably asking to manage all three at the same time? Matt is gay, in a fitfully tolerant Toronto, and the immensely successful

creator of Spum Boy, and Fridge Magnet Girl, whose ad-ventures we see him developing with his working partner, Rachel, Played at the Royal Exchange by Ben Daniels, he is handsome, effervescent and projects the character's fierce intelligence, but he has now turned 30; none of his relation-

ships has lasted beyond three months, not even an early marriage (shown in Fraser's previous play, Poor Super Man ). If the fault lies not in him-

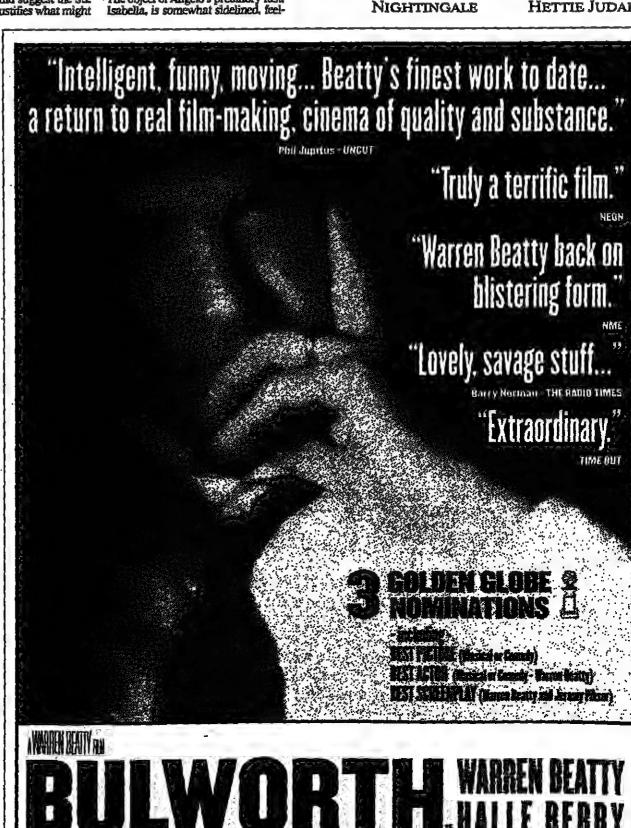
self, might it be a consequence of being gay, in a world pre-dominantly straight, or living at the time of Aids? Airing these concerns, he embarks on an affair with Ian Gelder's politician, whose guilt-fuelled domestic arrangements suggest successful hoop-jumping is nothing but desperate fantasy. This is an uninhibited play about inhibitions. Matt's wit and honesty make him a thor-

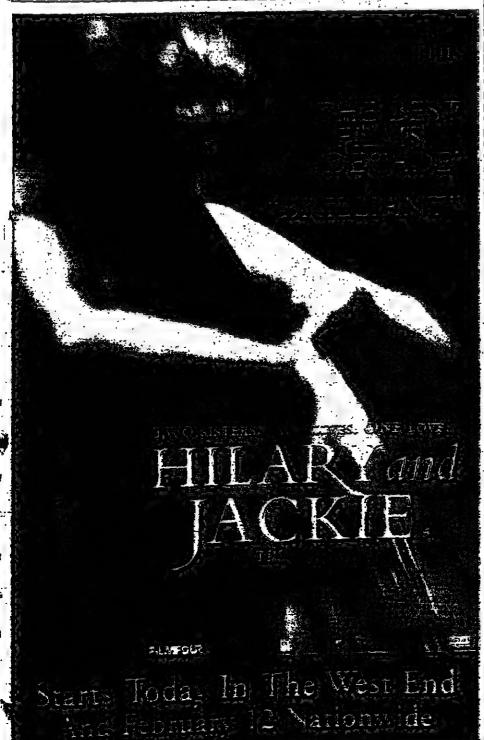
oughly positive character, and Daniels and Ruth Lass create a convincing office relationship Doubts about the play surface in those areas where Fraser explores the serious follies of his politician, Martin. Here is a man who was a virgin till 35, and is now so keen to act as substitute dad to homeless waifs that he supports the soft drug habit of one and the fecklessness of another. Almost every scene where Gelder appears with young Rex (a flush-faced Daniel Roberts) or with the rattier Yves (Nathan Will-cocks) ends with him digging into his pocket for more dollars. Matt's openness is so placed as to contrast with Martin's

complicated burden of anger, longing and grievous mis takes. The rage that can be felt by the Positive (as distinct from the simply positive) for those who are uninfected steals in upon us during the play's later scenes, and Matt's own dangerous "mistake" follows logically. But while the air of withholding plans and feelings suits the character as given, the sources of his compulsions remain out of reach. Marianne Elliott's direction

seems to be acknowledging this by closing with the five characters as far apart as possible on this open stage. At other times the openness works against audibility in a play of fast Canadian talk and cultural predicates. But if the play's centre retreats from us the outer reaches do capture the quality of discontented lifestyles that is Fraser's particular skill.

JEREMY KINGSTON





### RECOMMENDED THIS WEEKEND Guide to arts and enterteinment compiled by Marit Hargie

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GOETHE NACHT: Marking the 250th armhersary of the birth of the great German wordsmith Matthew Best conducts the Corydon Orchestra end Singers in an evening of music and song with a suitably lynical therite. St John's, Smith Square (0171-222 (061); Tonight, 7:30pm.

ELSEWHERE



Josephine Barstow sings Richard Strauss in Leeds

MANCHESTER: Yan Pascal Tortella conducts the BBC Philhammonic in concert celebraring the centrarray of Poulens. Peter Donotoe and Martin Roscos perform the French composer Concerto for Two Plance with Jankie Mattern as enthics in String Matter.

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ars (0171-565 5000).

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BULWOPTH [18]: Warren Beatty's distillusioned sensitor hires a harmen to kill harn and suddenly discovers a lesse for letting uply home huther. A shameless ego into for Beatty, but a wonderful new comic spin on political manipulation and mendacity. Beatty produces, stars and directs.

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## What have they done to my songs?

Like all beloved institutions, Top of the Pops should be cherished. Actually, just leaving it alone would help

t's as broken as a dropped clock. It is dull yet grossly insulting. I could be wrong, but I catch the whiff of focus group from its carcass: programmes don't become as bland and annoying as Top of the Pops is without some puffed-up pig-boy from management gathering C2s in a Novotel outside Puriey and asking them what they think about Fathoy Slim and 911. There have been multiple-choice questionnaires involved. Boxes have been ticked. People have been asked: "What would you like Top of the Pops to be like in the future?"

What a stupid question. We what a stiplid question. We aren't psychic! We don't know what the future of TV holds! We can only refer to the past! The answer to "What would you like Top of the Pops to be like?" is "I'd like it to have Ouese and the Beatles on the Queen and the Beatles on every week, please, and be presented by a magical mythical beast with the body of Marilyn

Monroe and the soul of Elvis." Failing the existence of this creature, however, the producer of Top of the Pops has couriered in Kate Thornton.

I can't stand her. Too ordinary to be a low-tent Melinda Messenger, but not sparky enough to be pop's Anthea Turner. Thornton is the living, breathing embodiment of that horrible belief that Being Pushy is a Virtue in Itself. As the editor of Smash Hits she presided over a circulation slip while Britain underwent a teen band explosion and, as part of the panel that compiled the Power 300 for The Observer some months ago, she was party to a list that rated Geri Halliwell, Richard Ashcroft of the Verve and Noel Galiagher as having more power than the chairman of ICI. Her interviewing technique consists of shouting questions at celebrities, and then engaging in disconcerting, hyperactive pouting while they answer.

Alas, those with whom Thornton shares presenting duties are scarcely better. Jamie Theakston - previously 15ft tall and 100 per cent beauti ful - is having a rough year. Since his very public rejection by that bird from All Saints, he appears to have shrunk. Where once he beamed and leapt and winked, he now skulks. He is a broken man living in the shadow of Mount Dumped. Jayne Middlemiss



CAITLIN MORAN

also seems to be struggling with her presenting chores: she twists her face through the Gurn Olympics in order to appear Intelligent. Sexy and Tough at the same time, and still ends up looking like a drunken Geordie lass shout-ing "Kick him! Kill him!" in a nightclub car park.

Presenters are never the biggest problem, though. Top of the Pops has weathered Jim-my Savile, DLT and the unearthly leer of Simon Mayo, and still managed to sum up the epoch every week. No. its current malaise has arisen because whoever holds its soul in his paire does not seem to realise it is not just another chart show. Top of the Pops is pure myth, pure magic. It is holy. Shirley Manson from Garbage explained it best: "If you get on Top of the Pops then nothing really bad ever happens to you again, and you won't ever die."

The show's previous producer, Rik Blaxhill, understood this: he knew it was a freak parade, a dream academy, a place from which otherwise unemployable visionaries broadcast into suburban homes and blow kids' minds. He knew his music, so he could pick bands from the week's Top 40 knowing who would shine and rock. He had the acid-fried visionary Julian Cope presenting the show in a witch's hat and tiny shorts. Blaxhill also gave presenting employment to Bear van Beers, a joyful pneumatic Dutch brunette who dressed in S&M leathers and sent herself up while exuding utter, delirious, dog-like delight at the idea of being on TV. Blaxhill

tried and trusty format. However, the new producer Chris Cowey has tried to change the programme in a touchy-feely, focus-group kind of way. His first innovation,

teased the best out of TOTP's

fort older viewers, is the dull, context-less inclusion of a track from the No I album. What's wrong with that? Well, No l albums almost invariably have a single in the Top Ten anyway; thar's why the al-burn's at No 1 in the first place. And secondly, Top of the Pops is a programme about the singles chart. It's a fairly simple concept, and one which takes unkindly to a surreal look at an entirely different chart. You might as well include a quick

shufti at the Nationwide League. The other revamp feature is the sporadic glances backstage, supposed to reveal what a glittery, painting party TOTP is. I suspect that a blind hermit could have told the producer what backstage at TOTP is really like famous people locked in dressing rooms with their entourage. I mean, the TOTP studios are in a big building made of con-crete! Where the tea is orange! And you have to hang around all day not drinking! It is assur-edly not Studio 54 being gatecrashed by Dionysus and some naked spiral-eyed mates

he met in the pub. But it's not all doom and gioom. The programme may now be utter bilge, but I think the "controversial" new Friday night slot works very well. I



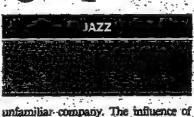
Kate Thornton's style as Top of the Pops presenter does not go down well chez Moran

## Propping up the isobars

o other jazz singer in Britain has such an impressive stylistic range as Norma Winstone, At one extreme, her voice is a pure-toned musical instrument, delicately negotiating the most intricate of melody lines in a perfectly matched flow of wordless syllables. At the other, she is a sublime in-

terpreter of lyrics. Right now, she is at the peak of her form in both genres. A few days before Christmas I heard her pacing Kenny Wheeler's oblique trampet note for note in an evening of his big band compositions at London's Vortex Club, her translucent upper register adding an ethereal timbre to the ensemble. Meanwhile her current CD of duos with pianist John Taylor, Like Song, Like Weather, demonstrates her ability to mould the lyrics of a song into a dramatic miniature.

Her current tour with pianist John Donaldson's trio offers plenty of opportunities to hear both sides of her work. plus the added bonus of hearing her in



her long-term associates John Taylor and Kenny Wheeler is still obvious. overtly in the form of arrangements, and more subtly in Winstone's phrasing, but Donaldson is his own man, and shares Winstone's stylistic breadth. His playing alternates between a brash confidence and delicate support; but he rerains an air of living dangerously; especially in Billie Holiday's If the Moon Turns Green and his own Setpiece.

Winstone's wordless style was at its best on John McLoughlin's Little Miss Valley, her voice catching the minnes of guitar riffs and falling neatly into some complex unison passages with the pi-

elenty to work on in Sue Shattock's lyr ics to Oh My Darling, a reworked Pat-Metheny song that created a fleeting sense of holiday mood. This ability to conjure up the essence of place and time in her interpretations has brought an unusual specialism into Winstone's work. More than any other singer, she concentrates on singing about the weather, and brought a convincing dampness into the title song of her recent album Manhat-

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tan in the Rain: Both sides of her work came together in a couple of songs by Antonio Carlos Jobini. The cranky, amateur lyrics of Two Kites were matched by her scatting on This Happy Madness, with surprise flurties into the very highest register. With Andy Cleyndert's relaxed bass and Tristran Maillot's drums in support, there is no jazz singer in the country to match her.

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## Happy birthday suit to youth

Crazy name, crazy guys: Canada's Barenaked Ladies have put humour in the charts. Paul Sexton reports

uccess in showbusiness has many occupa-tional hazards but they do not usually include being assaulted with packaged food. Such, though, is the lot of Barenaked Ladies, the Canadian band who put a decade of hard labour into their newlound North American stardom - their album, Stunt, has gone triple platinum in America - and who

breakthrough is that it proves that a sense of humour and creative excellence need not be oil and water in the rock world. As they meets proved on previous UK visits in less cele-

will charm total shows of maniacal, Goonish jollity and damn good times. Plus that un- the band does musically, then usual concert tradition: where I have a problem with it, be-the Beatles got jelly hears and cause for me those are two

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little bit." says to writer and but if you came along expensioner. Ed Robertson: Have ing a comedy night, you'd be they gone all serious and arty, they gone all serious and arty, wery disappointed.

"I like to think our music is We're trying to curb that a Creeggan; they would just rather not have to play in hard hats: "Maybe one idiot in the ... audience would put a little more steam behind the throw and hit somebody. You get hit by food, it sucks." Robertson adds, philosophically: "But-

ast month at Madison at an all-star concert staged by the city's top-rated pop radio would have been daunted by an audience of screamy, dreamy ten-year-olds awaiting such as N Sync and 98 Dethem all rock and roar, espe-cially with a gloriously absurd. closing medley that stapled to-gether songs like Gettin Jiggy Wir It, My Heart Will Go On and Bittersweet Symphosy.

and Rittersweet Symphony. But, much as one smiles at their compositions such as Be My Yoko Ono and If I Had \$1,000,000, it would be misleading to file the Ladies in the novelty section. As they under-line again on Stunt with songs such as Alcohol and When You Dream, they can do shade as well as light. "Our live shows are off the wall and fim," says Robertson, but estimated one of the joys of their helated

new record, peo-ple get a lot clearer picture of what the •Were Herman's cally. There's still fun on the record, Hermits but it's not as overt as it's been in the past. I don't care

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detract from what the Beatles got jelly beans and cause for me those are two lin Jones gets knickers, this very separate things. People save piece has tins of apple say You should do stand-up, sauce and boxes of macaroni and we always say no. It's just these joined at it. that you don't expect to see a band that makes you laugh, but if you came along expect-

> like an honest conversation. If you're sitting with a friend over the course of an evening you don't just make jokes all night and you don't talk serious all night."

obertson's co-writer and singer, Steven Page, retailing some comics capers on Square Garden in New York, those earlier UK gigs, senses a Barenaked Ladies performed cultural kinship between Brits tain faction of Canadians that clines for dear hie to England," he says. "It's kind of the place that keeps us not being American. If we didn't have a fish and thip shop on the corner, or we weren't rushing home to see Coronation



After a decade of hard slog, Barenaked Ladies have finally cracked it big time in America. The drawback to this, though, is that they get pelted with macaroni cheese more often

Street, we would be American." Their ear for the absurdities of language has had audiences in this country in stitches as they played with newfound English phrases like toddlers in an Early Learning Centre. I nemember them once constructing an entire song about Jeffa Cakes, Ami Page says they still get requests for it. Whatever word happens to drummer Tyler Stewart. "We talked about baps a lot, I remember. And slapper is one of our favourite words. We met these girls from Liverpool when we were there in 1996. I swear they were the original. Spice Girls. They were so tun-

riy, drink you under the table, witty Scouse birds. They used this word slapper all the time." "I think the biggest thing Canadians have in common with British people is that we both get embarrassed." says Page. "Americans just don't get embarrassed."

Page recalls the vexation of shows in this country never translated into record sales. least of all in the Britpop era. "A song like Brian Wilson wasn't going to gel with Song 2 by Blur," he says. "We felt re-ally on the verge of something in the UK, but each record never quite hit it, and by the time the third record, Born On A Pirate Ship, came out, the ball was just dropped. We thought This is terrible, our chance

heir recent success is made more poignant by the current absence of keyboard player Kevin Hearn, now making a good recovery from leukaeing, it's doubly inustrating for him that he can't be out here on tour with us," says Robertson. "It's a really hard thing when you feel like your career is at its pinnacle, but you're not celebrating it together." The belated triumph of Bare-

ry against the odds by a band that will not sit comfortably in any of the industry pigeon-holes. "I like diversity in music, but it's hard to market," says Robertson. "There's so much music these days, everybody wants to be able to say what they're a cross between,

● Barenaked Ladies play Shep-herd's Bush Empire next Wednes-day and the Forum, London NS, on Feb 13. The single One Week is released by Reprise on Feb 8, and the album Stant on Feb 22. They will guest on the Beautiful South's naked Ladles is a tale of victo-

bly excruciating results.

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needs to think again.

Michel Portal has always. U2 and Soul Coughing'. We are Herman's Hermits meets scorned genre boundaries, es-Henson's Muppets. decially those detween lazz and avant-garde classical music. A recent duo album with accordion player Richard Galliano, for instance, interspersed pieces by Astor Piazzolla and Hermeto Pascoal with Balkan folk; a 1995 album, Cinemas, embraced everything

Here, with his front-line instruments augmented by Marcus Stockhausen's agile trumpet and propelled by the nervy but fluent piano of Bojan Zulfikaparsic, Portal casts his Release Me, The Last Waltz and A Man Without Love, to-gether with various standards musical net as widely as ever. There are vigorously scuffling clarinet improvisations over and one or two new songs, all set to a thumping, end-of-the-Bruno Chevillon's lithe bass and Joey Baron's scurrying pier disco best with predictadrums, intricate ensemble pieces redolent of North Africa. As well as the three producand a plangent waft though Carla Bley's Ida Lupino, feaers, there are another three turing Steve Swallow on singpeople credited solely for coming up with the "original con-cept" for this album. Humpering electric bass. Another rich,

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Excuse Me. Do I Know You? (Jazz House JHCD056) HE WAS KORDIE SCOUT DIZ ist from 1979 until the latter's death in 1996, so John Critchinson's tribute to Scott is thoroughly imbued with respect for the late saxophonist's personal tastes, both musical and extra-musical.

Thus a vigorously interactive quartet, completed by sax-ophonist Pat Crumly, bassist Leon Clayton and drummer Mark Fletcher, visit some of Scou's playing favourites -This Heart of Mine, Seven Steps to Heaven — as well as performing originals in his favoured jazz styles, one of which — the title-track — memorialises one of Scott's more

famous artchohrases. With vocal appearances from Georgie Fame and Flora Purim, this album not only focuses the sadness caused by the death of one of jazz's most prominent musicians, but also honours the playing of some of its finest living practitioners.

CHRIS PARKER

## Pale horse of a different dolour

SNOWPONY The Slow-Motion World

RARD 11828 £15.99) AS ANY half-decent alternative rock band led by a woman might expect these days, Snowcompared with Garbage and P.J. Harvey. Singer and songwriter Katharine Gifford cer-tainly has a dark, 1990s twist to her lyrics: "I used to dream in black and white, but now I dream in red," she sings in the macabre 3 can Keep a Secret (if 2 are Dead).

Aut the trio comprising former members of Stereolab. My Bloody Valentine and Moonshake - a sort of supergroup of glum - lacks the fullon approach of Garbage, and Gifford's glacial vocal delivery has little in common with Harvey's voodoo wall. Instead they combine some fairly conventional, chorus-free riffing with startling bursts of almost-discordant horn paris that are inserted into the arrangements of numbers such as Bad Sister and Snow White like a poker thrust into the em-

BEGINNING WITH Near little shards of feedback stab into the fabric of star threads an erratic course through the dancey groove of Titanic, while a church bell

tolls in the back of the mix. "Why do I get these headaches?" Gifford sings in St Lucy's Gate, a woozy psychedelic interlude that sounds like a bad dream set to music. The question may be rhetorical, but rarely has the product of a sore head sounded this smart and imaginative.

CASSIUS

(Virgin 7243 8 46701 £15.99) FATBOY SLIM may be at No I this week, but the post-Christmas album chart is not otherwise overrum with dance s, let alone French dance acts. However, like Air and Daft Punk, who were both suc**NEW POP ALBUMS:** It's being doomy and gloomy that

makes Snowpony so cheering, says David Sinclair



If a migraine could sing, it would sound like Snowpony. Now there's an enticing prospect

time of year in 1998 and 1997 respectively, the Parisian duo Cassius are about to make a for rap star MC Solaar, made mainstream splash with their cunningly titled debut, 1999.

Phillipe Zdar and Hubert "Boombass" Blanc-Francat are, at 31, veterans of the

TOP TEN ALBUMS

French dance scene. They music "urban electro funk", have produced three albums and their trick is to combine house beats with the serier syntheir own hip hop records as La Funk Mob and remitted the copations invented by James Brown, producing an accessi-ble brand of dancefloor funk biggest hits of both Daft Punk (Around the World) and Air (Sexy Boy). The pair call their advoidly retooled for the rave

They hit their stride midway through this album with Mister Everendy, Nulife and Somebody, a string of ingenious, minimalist grooves that have a simultaneously galva-nising and hypnotic effect. Au-

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tique synthesizer sounds and feisty vocal chants pick out the melody line of Club Sobante Quinze, while the radio edit of their current hit single Cassius 99, with its Donna Summer sample, recalls the questionable thrill of 1970s disco, a style that has now been rehabilitated in a way that few people who actually lived through that era would previously have believed possible.

FOXY BROWN Chyna Doll (Def Jam/Mercury 558 933 £15.99) OPENING with the (presumably simulated) sound of Poxy Brown being born, Chyna Doll is a broadly autobiographical album which spares the listener little in the way of detail. The rapper from Brooklyn is cursing, threatening and

demanding respect almost be-fore her feet have hit the ground, the only wrinkle in the plot being that the voice is that of a woman and not a A succession of heavyweight stars, including the likes of Jay-Z. DMX and Memphis Bleek, are on hand to complement her vocal assets at strategic points throughout the al-bum and she achieves a certain rough chemistry with her

various partners on tracks such as Bonnie & Clyde Part

II and Can You Feel Me Baby.

But in the end it's all much too frightening to be sensual. ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK The Dance Album The Hit Label

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## A change of culture

#### A reconstructed IPC aims for a bold new future, says Raymond Snoddy

n a wall of Mike Mat-thew's 17th-floor office overlooking the Thames there are framed copies of ancient publications such as the Strand Magazine and Tithits, which were owned by IPC and its

In a new corporate brochure pro-duced by IPC, still the largest consumer magazine company in the UK, the titles are colour-matched according to age. Nine magazines have purple spots against them, indicating that they were launched before 1899, ranging from Country Life, The Field and Shooting Times & Country Magazine to Amateur Photographer, Gardening, and Cy-

cling Weekly. "l'am a custodian really, just passing through," says 51-year-old Matthew, who has worked for IPC for the past 28 years.

Propped against board that is covered in handwritten paper stickers.

It represents the magazine company's ambitions for the future which include joining the FTSE 100 and launching a magazine every year that matches the triumph of Loaded. IPC's hugely successful title for young men. Matthew does not know whether

such things are possible but he is going to try over the next ten years. The "ambitions" board is just one aspect to a corporate makeover announced this month to make IPC more "fleet of foor" following last year's £860 million buyout from Reed Elsevier, the Anglo-Dutch

information group. During the last years of Reed ownership IPC felt like an unloved stenchild. Reed made no secret that

it wanted to specialise in professional and business information -- and that it was only a matter of time before IPC would be sold.

The issue came to a head when Manhew was refused permission to bid for Telestar, the French TV listings magazine - which is now owned by Emap, IPC's great rival in the magazine market.

Matthew, who was also unable to get the marketing budgets he thought he needed, saw it as the last straw and warned Reed that he planned to retire this year. He believes the potential loss of its chief executive, at the least, "crystalised" the decision to sell.

"I would have ended up presiding over the rise of IPC and its decline, and I wasn't prepared to manage decline," he says. Now Matthew, with the nonexecutive chair-man David Arculus, who worked at

Emap for many years, has drawn up his own plan for restructuring the company, which owns some of the UK's bestknown magazines, including Woman and Marie Claire (in a joint ven-ture), Ideal Home and TV Times.

"We have been a bit too businessorientated." says Matthew, "and a bit too control-freakish. We need to relax and to let a bit more creativity through. We are no longer constrained by Reed Elsevier. We can rewrite our culture." Matthew entered the magazine

industry as a junior in the copy department of George Newnes, later to become part of IPC Magazines. He had no qualifications other than what he calls "a sense of destiny" - a belief that he would not turn out to be average. The man



Old hand, new ideas: Mike Matthew, the chief executive of IPC, believes in greater editorial autonomy

who will be a multimillionaire when IPC floats on the Stock Exchange in two or three years was brought up in difficult circumstances in Sevenoaks, Kent, after his father, a motor mechanic, left when Matthew was eight. He still remembers the humiliation of standing up among classmates to

get free school dinner tickets. The IPC reconstruction, which will give its five divisions greater autonomy, has its darker side. About 200 jobs will go, many of them Matthew's senior colleagues. The first wave of eight have just departed. To achieve a flatter management structure, the role of editor-in-chief is going and there will be fewer publishers. In future, editors will report to their manag-ing directors. The reality is that Iris Burton, the Editor-in-Chief of half

the women's titles and a former Edi-

tor of both Woman's Realm and Woman's Weekly, is leaving — as is David Durman, the Editor-in-Chief of the other ball. Another casualty is Andrew Taylor, the publisher of specific women's interest titles. "Mike is bleeding on this. These

are people he has worked with and probably employed," says Terry, Mansfield, the managing director of the rival National Magazine Company. The closure of Options, though not part of the restructuring. could cost another 17 jobs.

Manhew denies that IPC, backed by the venture capital group Cin-Ven, overpaid for the company, thus leading to the redundancies. He accepts that IPC's circulation figures for the first half of last year were bad. The figures for the sec-

ond half, out next month, will, he

says, show that IPC is on the way

back. Matthew believes he will

have succeeded if in a year IPC is more dynamic and taking advantage of "the huge number of opportunities in the media market". These range from masthead publishing - TV shows linked to magazine titles -- to magazine-related ex-

hibitions and electronic publishing. He makes no secret of the fact that he is looking for major acquisi-tions in the UK and would be interested in moving into business-to-business, or trade publishing. Wouldn't it be lovely, he muses, if

he was able to buy Reed Business Publishing or New Scientist, magazines that Reed Elsevier held on to. He is not interested in reconstructing another part of IPC history — buying The Mirror, now the subject of takeover attempts. That would be too extraordinary an idea even for the pieces of paper on Matthew's strategic-intent board.

## Mandi vacates Cosmo chair

MANDI NORWOOD, the Editor of National Magazines's Cosmopolitan, has been promoted to Editor-in-Chief after turning down an offer from rivals IPC to edit Marie Claire. Press Gazette says that she will still oversee the day to day running of Cosmo but will also work on new titles. She will be replaced as Editor of Cosmo: among names being touted are Dawn Bebe, the former Editor of New Woman, Fiona Mcintosh of Elle and Emma Soames, the Editor of the Telegraph Mag-

A BAD year for the ad agency Ogilvy & Mather has culminated in the departure of Tom Bury, its tertainment, to be sales and marchief executive and deputy chair-

man, says Cam-paign. Bury left after learning that he would not get the job of group chairman. During the past

year, O & M has lost business worth millions of pounds from Guinness and BUPA and was replaced by Young & Rubicam as the main advertising agency for Ford in Europe.

BARCLAYS is reviewing the £30 million advertising account for its retail financial services, according to Marketing Week. At present the account is handled by J Walter Thoropson, but other agencies will be invited to pitch. There has been upheaval at Barclays since the resignation last year of its chief executive, Martin Taylor, and the magazine says the review could lead to a new corporate identity and even a change of name.

THE BBC was the biggest wirner at this week's annual production awards sponsored by Broadcast, winning six awards outright and sharing one. The docusoap Hotel beat The Cruise and Airline as the best popular factual programe. There were

only two awards for ITV, both won by the same programme - Who Wants to be a Millionaire? which was named as the best new programme and the best light entertainment.

CHANGING FACES: who's going where Charles Courtier, James Sykes, Martin Thomas and Lea Gregory to head Media Edge Europe, Young & Rubi-cam's revamped European operation. All from other parts of Y & R (Media Week).

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keting director for Beeb, the BBC's commercial int ernet operation (Marketing). Wer Chris : mann to be head

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MOVING HOUSE: who's get-

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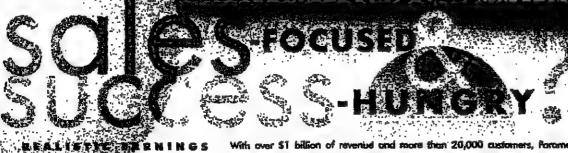
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manda Platell, left, was fired from The Express on Sunday by Rosie Boycott, Editor-in-Chief, right, after sales dipped below one million — and after running a contentious story on Peter Mandelson

# No answer to the P45 question

Boycott has fired Platell from the Express but will she herself survive?

fier the firing of Amanda Platell this week. The Express on Sunday has lost its fifth editor in srears, and the question that has be asked is how much mornifering a newspaper that only) years ago was the undisputchampion of Middle Englandan endure? If it was an anin we might spare its suffering d put it to sleep.

Pidi fell out with Rosie
Boyd, Editor-In-chief of The
Expr and The Express on Sunday, ist November when she
publied a report about a friendship tween the former Cabinet
Miner Peter Mandelson (a
frien and neighbour of Boycott and a Brazilian student in
the ek in which Mandelson

was ted as a homosexual.

Thruth of the row is difficult to eli but Platell believed that Boyc had sanctioned the story. Boyo believed that she had beenisled. What is not in doubt is thon the day of publication Marison delivered a handwritten te to Boycout's home; that Lordollick, the Express proprietor d Labour life peer, made fouralls to the Express news-

desk; and that the story was read to Mandelson, after which sub-

stantial cuts were made.

Three weeks later Platell read in The Speciator that her job had been offered to Sarah Sands, deputy editor of The Daily Telegraph, who had nimed it down. Platell won a reprieve, parily because Paper Round pointed out that editors in chief ought to accept ultimate responsibility for what appears in their papers—but Platell's head has undoubtedly been on the block since then.

When the axe fell this week, it chopped not only Platell but also veteran news editor lan Walker, Yesterday associate editor Andrew Pierce, one of the authors of the Mandelson story, also walked the plank. He announced his resignation at a conference, saying he was sick of seeing the Sunday paper rubilished and adding that the high morale on the Sunday paper would now plummet to the level on the daily.

Platell is under an oath of

silence but her supporters insist that Mandelson had vowed he

would destroy her career. Boycott's associates insist that Mandelson had nothing to do with the decision, as he has stated through his spokesman. The decision that she should

go was made before the Mandelson saga, they say. Boycott is the boss and these isnoglouby that she and Platell are different person-

alities who were bound to clash. Where Boycon is broadsheet, liberal, cerebral (a judge of this year's Whitbread Prize), Platell is a red-top tabloid veteran, an outgoing Aussie whom critics would say was over-promoted and the wrong editor for Boycott's Ex-

press.

Platell, moreover, was steering the Sunday paper in a different direction from the daily. Boycott has embarked on one of the most daring or foolhardy acts in tabloid history by surrounding her-

self with broadsheet journalists and transforming the once Tory and ultra-traditional Express into a New Age, new Labour newspaper for the new millenni.

for the new millennium. The P45 question is whether she can win enough new, younger readers without alienating the older readership.

Platell. mean-

while, ignored the evolution of the daily and — as her staff would put it — made the Sunday paper brighter, breezier and more fun to read. What that meant, as Boycon's deputy Chris Blackhurst told them yesterday, was that there was a "gulf in standards" between the daily and Sunday, his polite way of saying that Platell's paper was politically off-message and too vulgar.

Another nail in Platell's coffin was delivered when sales of The Express on Sunday sumped last month to a historic low of

973,000. Express conspiracy theorists say Boycott, seeking to worsen Platell's plight, cancelled the TV advertising for the Sunday title that would have kept sales above a million — and add that the Express TV ad campaign makes no mention of the Sunday.

lackhurst and Michael Pilgrim now take the helm. Both worked with Boycott on The independent and will need all the help they can get. The Express on Sunday has a staff of only 26—compared with nearly 200 on The Mail on Sunday—and has suffered continual redundancies.

The cuts show at critical moments, such as lipm last Saturday when the runaway foster parents Jeff and Jenny Bramley returned to Britain. Simon Walters, deputy editor, had to find a cash machine so that two remaining subs, due to finish their shift at midnight and catch the last train, could stay to finish the story and get home by cab. He paid the bill from his own pocket.

Sales this month are down 150,000 on a year ago. Within five years average issue readership has fallen from 4.7 million to 2.7 million. Advertising volume is down four per cent but up nearly four per cent for The MoS. Meanwhile The MoS, launched only in

1982, is selling nearly 2.3 million, up 130,000 on last year.

Seen from Boycott's chair, the logic of firing Platell is impectable. The Sunday title will now be on-side and on-message. That, however, makes the pressure on her still greater. Since she took the chair last May, sales of The Express have fallen by 88,000. If her high-wire act is to succeed, which many doubt, she needs long-term commitment from Hollick and editorial stability.

The late Sir David English used to say that the instinct that made great editors worked for only one newspaper, that what made him a natural Mail Editor would not have worked for The Sunday Times. The tragedy for Rosie Boycott may be that a natural Editor of The Independent on Sunday (which she was) is not a natural Editor of The Express. Can she prove the cynics wrong?

# Is Dyke the man to take over from Birt?

he Conservatives are preparing to raise the issue of "cronyism" if, as seems likely, Greg Dyke, the chairman of Pearson Television, emerges as a serious candidate to become the next Director-General of the BBC.

Mr Dyke, a multimillionaire from his days as chief executive of London Weekend Television, is a committed supporter of new Labour and one of a group, many with media connections, who sponsored the office of Tony Blair before the last election.

Peter Ainsworth, the Shadow Minister

for Culture, Media and Sport, says that the job of Director-General of the BBC was so important that anyone who held the office should be "seen to be beyond reproach in political terms".

"I would advise the Chairman of the

"I would advise the Chairman of the BBC to think very carefully about appointing anyone directly involved in sponsoring Mr Blair's office," says Mr Ainsworth.

The BBC is about to appoint headhunters to find a Director-General to replace Sir John Birt, who plans to leave in April 2000. The aim is to choose a candidate by the summer and to have that person in place by the autumn, to spend some time working in tandem with Sir John. The race is unusually open, with at least five internal and five external candidates.

Mr Dyke is attracting increasing attention because he is by nature an iconoclast with strong programme-making credentials and has a close relationship with Sir Christopher Bland, the BBC Chairman, from their days at LWT.

Dyke has not yet definitely made up his mind to "throw his hat in the ring", but even senior colleagues at Pearson concede privately that they would not stand in his way if the offer were made. The role of Director-General of the BBC is still seen as one of the plum jobs in world broadcasting.

It is unlikely that the Governors of the BBC would automatically rule out Mr Dyke because of his political connections. After all, Sir Christopher is a former Conservative local councillor and former chairman of the Conservative Bow Group. The issue would be whether Mr Dyke would be prepared to renounce his overt political support for new Labour. It is believed that he did not contribute to Labour Party funds while he was a broadcaster at LWT.

was a broadcaster art. W. Friends say that if Mr Dyke decided to stand for the post. his aim would be to simplify the BBC bureaucracy and to give greater encouragement to programme-makers.

Before joining LWT in 1987, Mr Dyke, who started his career as a local newspaper reporter in West London, was director of programmes at TVS and editor-in-chief at TV-am, the commercial breakfast station. Both TV-am and TVS lost their licences in the 1991 tenders for new ITV franchises.

RAYMOND SNODDY

# The death of L!ve is on the cards

WDEVER wins the battle for Mirror Group Newspars, it is thought unlikely that he TV will survive, or that new Sporting Life will go read. By shutting down Liv media experts reckon thathe group would save betten £8 million and £10 miln a year, while the most like purchaser, Chris Oakley, a former director of MC, has always been sceptical out starting up a new natial sports paper.

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has gainly become a brand. Perhs it could survive as a nichnadcap national channel? as agreements with the cablandustry — guaranteeing a bedrock income — havenly five years to run, and great inspirer, Kelvin Macrizie, is pouring his energyto Talk Radio. Surely some will give the News Bunthutch space?

A: THIS uncertainty about we helps to explain why lackenzie was able to arra Nick Ferrari, Live's form director of programes, across to Talk

Radio, to sit at a studio microphone alongside the breakfast presenter David Banks-Makers of television

documentaries ought to
be banging down the doors at
Talk, for Kelvin is still up to
his old tricks. As reported here
last week, Carole Stone, a
former producer of Any Questions on Radio 4, was invited
to oversee its new Thursday
right debate. But by Friday
evening, after receiving a telephone call from Kelvin, she
had backed off from further
involvement in the project.

murmuring the words: "Interesting, instructive."

She had thought that MacKenzie wanted serious discussions about, say, the euro.
What he really had in mind
was such topics as "why Sean
Connery is moving back to
Scotland from Spain", and
celebrity panelists.

He is displaying a touching

faith in his power to turn tabloid journalists into broadcasters: Jane Moore, the Sun columnist currently being tried
out as a co-presenter with
Scott Chisholm, moves next
week to a new show. My
Favourite Year, which consists
of an interview with a celebrity, interspersed with news
clips and music from the year
in question. The format was
devised by Kelvin's journalist
daughter, Kiershen.

News has introduced compulsory redundancies among its senior current affairs producers, and up to 17 face the chop. The reason: the telestision service, which is already winning battles to make daily news more accessi-



ble, has taken its revenge over the boring quality of most specialist weekly current affairs series on law, housing and education that were once so loved by Sir John Birt.

Staff at the television service were able to act because guaranteed funding has been removed by BBC News and nohody else would pick up the tab. Of the roster, only Black Britain survives. Instead, the BBC News chief executive. Tony Hall, is setting aside El million for special topical progranimes, such as the current Inside the Lords on BBC2. The inside view is that arrogant BBC News executives took too little notice of their critics, believing that as they were producing public service program-

ming, they would be safe.

The bigger point is a serious one: if the BBC does not produce programmes on social policy issues, then nobody else will either.

■ QUIET celebrations are un-

der way at The Observer. The newspaper, the only Sunday broadsheet to register a rise in sales in December, has moved hack above the psychologically important target of 400,000 this month, touching 430,000 last week. This was despite efforts by the Independent on Sunday to spike The Observer's revamp by cutting its own cover price to 50p.

Roger Alton, the Editor of The Observer, says: "We've got some great people here, I just hope to keep it up." He adds:

"My biggest challenge is to keep traditional readers while appeal-

ing to the new."

The Independent's Editor-in-Chief.
Simon Kelner, in part of a wider shake-up across both titles, has reacted by sending across his right-hand man. Tristan

Sunday Telegraph, on some form of swift redesign.

HE WHO pays the piper calls the tune? This thought popped into my head at the launch of Public Purposes in Broadousting: Funding the BBC, a grand event at Carlton House Terrace, where eight of Britain's leading economists gave brief resumes of their worthy contributions to the sponsored book.

Davies, to work alongside the

IOS Editor, Kim Fletcher, the

former deputy editor of The

Furnily enough name of them fundamentally questions the existence of the licence fee, or threatens to keep the BBC Chairman Sir Christopher Bland awake at night. The fees

even better look after Bazal's 13-show run ends.

ROWAN ATKINSON is being wooed to bring back his Blackadder character for the Millennium Experience. But I hear that his production company. Tiper Aspert Produc-

BBC to screen the National Lot-

tery. I hear that Bazai Produc-

tions, which won the competi-

tion to supply a new pro-

gramme starting in six weeks'

time, will now run the draw at

the beginning. But it ran into

trouble over plans to roll the

balls one by one to settle bones

of contention between people:

eg, should a neighbour's over-

anging trees be cut down? But Camelot has been daz-

zled by the success of Who

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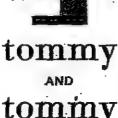
Celador, will come up with an

near that his production company. Tiger Aspect Productions, is less than thrilled. First, at the leak and, secondly, at the prospect that its hottest property, having conquered Hollywood, should be sidesracked to save the Dome.



Millennium man? Rowan Atkinson as Blackadder

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# Anatomy of a hoax

#### C4 has made a programme on the couple who duped it, writes Carol Midgley

F two people had wasted £40,000 of your budget and several weeks of your time playing a spec-tacularly humiliating practi-cal joke, what would you do? Report them to the police? Devote your life to sending taxis and pizza delivery boys to their front door? Or smile, forgive and say "shucks, it happens"? Channel 4, with incredible

magnanimity, seems to have opted for the last approach. Five months after a couple exposed the channel to ridicule by pretending to be father and daughter for the documentary Daddy's Girl. executives have not only kissed and made up with the pair, but made yet another film about them.

Daddy's Girl never saw the light of day. It was withdrawn hours before transmission after the girl's real father haptrailer and alerted Channel 4 to the ruse. Excerpts from it, however, have been interwo-ven into Channel 4's latest offering, Who's Been Framed?, which pioneers a hitherto unexplored area of programmemaking - the anatomy of the in-house cock-up.

During an hour-long mea culpa, Stuart Smith, 29, and Victoria Greetham, 19, explain how they hoodwinked the television crew for more than four months. Smith, who had pretended to be 39 and intensely possessive of his "daughter". says the hoax fulfilled a fantasy. "It felt good to be a middleclass racehorse trainer instead of a plumber's son with a crim-

inal record," he says. "I swapped lives." Greetham, a law student and aspiring model, displays a naive, insouciant attitude to a prank that could have cost the director, Edmund Coulthard. of Blasti films, his career. "Not everything you see on TV is real," she says. "The documentary that was made was real,



The "father" and "daughter" of Daddy's Girl, Stuart Smith and Victoria Greetham: "The film-makers could easily have blown my cover," says Smith

it's just that there were some

lies involved in it. The hoax did, however, raise important questions about the future of the genre. Michael Jackson, the chief executive of Channel 4, said the episode was a new public abuse of the trust that once existed between film-makers and their subjects. Directors agree that, from now on, nobody will be taken at face value; subjects

their birth certificates, and good faith" is history.

Others say that such a hoax was waiting to happen. The public's appetite for fame had been dangerously whetted by watching ordinary people become overnight celebrities thanks to the success of docusoaps such as Driving School

But will making a documentary about a documentary.

to two subjects who have already shown themselves to be frauds, expose Channel 4 to accusations of excessive navelgazing? After all, why should we believe the word of two proven liars the second time

The commissioning editor, Peter Dale, says: "We are not trying to make this a moral tale. That would seem selfcongratulatory. We're trying to

makes us more vigilant, that is not a bad thing." The hoax has also fuelled the argument that the docusoap is now a spent force. Ordinary Joes have been exploited to the point where it

has all blown up in television's face. Smith says he could easily have been found out They could have blown my cover. There is a book that lists all

have found out that I didn't exist." In one scene of Daddy's Girl, included in the new programme, Stuart lights with Victoria's "boylriend" after a night out. The undertone is that he seems to be incestuous-

the trainers and they could

ly obsessed with his daughterwhich, in ratings terms, is almost too good to be true. With the benefit of hindsight it is easy to blame sloppy research or poor judgment, but such a sophisticated con, involving dozens of people,

would probably convince most now. This is part of the tables turning. The power is shifting. of us. When the hoax emerged Greetham gave The Daily Tele-We are no longer like gods graph's reporter a mobile commanding the public to do phone number for her real what we want them to do, and father to obtain a comment. It this was a good way of explorturned out to be another ruse

ing this change in attitude. To some extent people now see broadcasters as a means to an end rather than purveyors of niertainment. They can use us to become famous. If it.

sioned the film for angered and embarrassed him, but we believe concedes: "Perhaps sometimes we believe the story prea story sented to us because we so want it

because we want it to be true'

split up. He. has. lost his job at a Huddersfield pub but does not regret the scam: "I get a kick out of this and it keeps me off drugs."

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During the pro-

gramme Smith

tells us he and

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she had actually given them

Smith's number and he sup-

plied "outraged" quotes as if he were the real father.

Peter Moore, who commis

Peter Dale says the film gives an insight into a man so desperate for fame and an escape from the mundanity of life that he went to these lengths. "When you get behind the facade you see quite a troubled man," he says. "He felt he was living out some kind of scheme to show that he would have been an achiever if he. had been given another life."

Cutting Edge: Who's Been Franced? is on February 1 at 9pm.

### Welcome to the real-life Corrie St

Maureen Paton reports on Newsnight's new docusoap

The stock of the docu-soap has never been an extent by the content lower And although Newsnight. a recent BBC Choice docu-mentary asked whether ratmentary asken whether rai-ings-hungry broadcasters had gone a docusoap too far in depicting, and sometimes distorting, real people's lives, BBC2's Newsnight has

emerged as a surprise player in this field.

As part of the first revamp in its 19 year history. the programme has intro-duced a docuscap about a run-down crime-ridden area of Salford in Greater Manchester. The commentary is being voiced by feremy Paxman, Newsnight's best-known presenter, en-suring an instantly recognised name for a television experiment that will run for

two years. Salford City Council decided it would co-operate with Newsnight on the warts and all docusosp. Real Estones, as the area's image is already so negative that, as the council's public relations.

chief admits, it has little to lose. from the exposure. What we will be seeing is a real-life Coro-

nation Street. Tenants from the tatty (privately owned) Langworthy estate, whose rooftops are featured during the opening credits of the long-running Granada TV

soap, and those from nearby Ordsali (a council-owned estate) will live inder the glass of the cameras for the next 24. months in an effort to test the effect of government initiatives on the lives of the un-

With 15-minute snapshots of their lives broadcast in formightly or monthly seg-ments, a group of families - ranging from hard-pressed single mothers to vulnerable pensioners are likely to become almost as familiar to viewers as the characters from The Street.

The production team behind Real Estates, Sandra. Jones and Pam Giddy, are aiming for the grittiness of a Ken Loach film but without the preordained agenda. Reedback from the first screening last month, in which families were interviewed about their living conditions, was positive. The second instalment of Real Estates, broadcast last week, dealt with residents' fears of burglary, and coincided with Newsnight's lead item about Jack Straw's

out burgiary policy.
Further reports will be regularly slotted into the Newsnight format, with the

"three strikes and you are

We wanted to track t

effect that Government is a mg to have on the who community," says Sir Kevill, the Editor of Nev night. "Only by pursuing over the long term will yo see whether government pe icy makes a difference and the length of the proje makes it unique to a news programme. I wo hope that it becomes quired viewing for polcians. It will certainly them from having to

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£105, a week. She will be featured Thursday's episode of All Estates, which will focus single mothers. Her mole in giving impaid time to camera is simple "I w the world to see that ped like us don't deserve area. This is how my b may end up - and it sca

Jones and Giddy, says, always ring in vance to "give me time put some make-up on". It mains to be seen how tru fully the cameras can reft reality without heighter

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#### media watch

THE latest national newspaper circulation figures, for July to December 1998, show that the Financial Times continues to perform more strong-ly than the rest of the market up by 11.6 per cent. or 38,000 copies year on year.

All of the other national broadsheets lost circulation. apart from The Sunday Times. which managed to bold fairly steady at 1.3 million copies per

Sales of The Daily Telegraph are slipping back towards the million mark. down by 44,022, year on year, to 1.05 million. The Times dropped 40,000 to 752,000.

Sunday Business, which at present has a monthly audit, was down 3,054 in December. compared with November, to 47.632 copies.

Only the two Mail titles are matching the FT's progress. The Daily Mail gained 112,415 copies. The Mail on Sunday was up 92,899.

The Express continues to suffer badly, this time dropping 7 per cent year on year. Its recent TV ad campaign. created by St Linke's (its third agency in a year), is unlikely to reverse the decline. The Express on Sunday is also in the doldrums, down by 113,279 copies. To add to the gloom

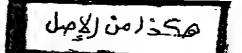
week removed the Sunday paper's Editor, Amanda Platell, and dismissed its news editor, Ian Walker, cit-

ing poor sales as the reason. The Mirror is the only popuincrease in its circulation up by 13,940 to 2.34 million. However, the Sunday redtops did not fare so well: the Sunday Mirror shed 287,510 in sales; the News of the

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To starry-sky logo, a new promotion campaign and updated jingles are part of Mark Byford's drive to give the World Service a global identity, which is instantly recognisable

# A 'brand' new World Service

The BBC is giving its overseas output a new global image. But

he BBC World Service may broadcast to the world — for the time being at least but is a global brand? This is the coundrum ouzzling BBC manags and fuelling the latest rowbout proposals for further pyramme cuts.

The BC says the service ed intrationally to survive. But is e corporation right?

Obsvers were quick to condemn st weekend's leaks of furthemogramming cuts. Denying te reports, Mark Byford, thWorld Service chief executive enned his defence in a lette to The Guardian. swearig the BBC's commitment toongoing efficiency savings ar some reprioritisation to mainin World Service's position albe world's leading internatical broadcaster".

Whahe didn't say, however, walkat this reprioritisation" ivell advanced. Managers at already rebranding and resitioning the service. with sieral key developments introduced this month.

The is a new logo - a star-

will this rebranding destroy its diversity? Meg Carter reports ry night-sky motif - develing," one longstanding World oped by the designers Lambie-Nairn as part of a unified ap-

proach to promoting the English-language service and the 43 local-language services that the World Service broadcasts. ing developed by the advertising agency Leagas Delaney. and a company will be appointed soon to update on air promotions and jingles.

A branded breakfast-show format, The World Today, is being rolled out across the World Service's three regional English-language zones. This. means that listeners in America/Europe, Africa and Asia/ Pacific will soon hear the same news-show format, although itwill be produced and scheduled regionally. Other parts of the English-language output

will be similarly reformatted. . All of this is an investment to ensure future audiences, BBC managers say. But is it? The most important thing

is programming, not packag-

Service producer laments. "Any attempt to refocus resources, such as cutting foreign language output, is an attempt to narrow the World

With the World Service directly funded by the Poreign Office, its traditional and unique role in promoting objective news and British values should be sacrosanct, many believe. Yet plans are said to beafoot to cut services attracting

low or falling audiences. John Tusa, the former managing director of the World Service, says: "Just because you're sixth out of eight [in terms of listeners in the Far East doesn't mean you are not important. Unless you have a total view of how the English service fits with local-language services you cannot draw sensible conclusions. There is some evidence that where both English and local-

language services are availa-

ble, total World Service listening is greater."
On one level, the logic of re-

focusing the World Service 'seems sound. Much has changed since it was launched and the BBC has launched several international commercial television services, including BBC Choice and BBC World.

very broadcaster must work harder to compete for audiences now." says Alan Booth, the controller of marketing and communication for the World Service. We have to be more responsive to listeners' needs." To achieve this, he co-ordinated a strategic review of the service's image and perceived role.
"We found that there was

no clear or consistent understanding of the World Service brand," he says. One reason for this was that the service was referred to and promoted

Perceptions of the World Service also vary. Many listeners relied on it as an impartial provider of accurate news, others viewed it primarily as an edusort of way."

minder of home. "Our brief," says Liz Dunning, the marketing director of Lambie-Nairn, "was to develop a more coherent World Service brand. You build strong global brands by having just one way of saying Coca-Cola is Coca-Cola, or Mariboro is Mariboro." To this end, BBC World Service is being promoted, from this month, as "the world's refer-

ed by stars in a night sky. Sceptics, however, remain unconvinced that this ap-

ence point" - visually depict-

proach is appropriate. "BBC World Service is a global brand already," Tusa says.
"That's not to say it is seen in the same way all over the world. In each area where it is received, it means something different to local audiences. But this is a strength, not a weakness. They are looking at the brand in exactly the wrong

er this approach can work if investment in programming -particularly the foreign-language output, which 100 million of the World Service's 134 million listeners currently tune in to - is reduced.

Exact details of how funding will be allocated over the next three years are expected in two weeks. But the steps that have already been taken towards unifying, standardising and publicising Englishlanguage output provide a grim indication of how the service's emphasis will change.

#### Film industry cries out for fresh script

their breath waitine for the Government to do much to boost the UK's film and television industry. The most that can be expected in a good year is a modest tax concession.

Even film industry quangos, recycling public money in one way or another, record when it comes to backing potential hits. They seem irresistibly attracted to turkeys.

But symbolism and a little loving care can help. Yesterday Brian Wilson, the Trade Minister, set off for America on a trip around the British outposts of film and television. He will be the first minis-

ter from the De-Trade and Industry to visit British Film Office in Angeles, set up after a recent review of

film Next week he will visit the National Association of Television Program Executives exhibition in New

Orleans, the largest television trade fair in the world. gates from more than 90 countries. Seventy-six UK companies will be showing their wares there.

This ministerial attention for one of the UK's growth industries is welcome. Even more welcome is the fact that 70 of those companies received DTI grants to attend. Wilson recognises, however, that he has no magic wand to wave

For all the talk of the UK being a world-class player in film and television, the harsh reality is that in 1997 exports totalled a relatively modest £1.2 billion. In spite of the occasional Oscar, quality television and language advantage, the UK industry still had a trade deficit of £272 million.

The Government can help mainly in practical areas such as strengthening copyright and trying to boost exports. The Depart-

and Sport is trying to simplify the process of encouraging the film industry by putting together a single film industry body, al-

though it is taking its time. There are a few hopeful signs of progress in the industry. This week Carlton Communications strengthened its television and film lion (£89 million) purchase of the ITC library, containing everything from The Saint to On Golden Pond, from Universal Studios.

And the BBC is now make ing progress in the United States with its BBC America channel, while children's programme-makers such as Hit Entertainment and Britt Allcroft are tak-

ing their shows world. Pearson has also just sold a new science-fictioncum-X Files series to the Amer-

commercial broadcasters many believe, have been far too timid and insular when it comes to making programmes for world

markets, particularly the US. They have been busy fighting parochial battles against each other and the BBC, and are only just beginning to see the international possibilities.

Companies such as Pearson have become thoroughinternational through the purchase of programme-makers such as Grundy and All American. But Pearson's great weakness is that is does not own any broadcasters apart from its stake in Channel 5.

ché may hold true to an extent, but surely content and distribution are better. This is where the Government can help. Modest relaxation in broadcasting and merger rules would allow the creation of weightier British media companies that could tackle world markets, reverse the television and film deficit and prove that the British industry really is first-class, not only in prestige and honours but in sales as well.

# Ali doesn't belong in ads

safeFirst, John Lennon appear in the One 2 One campair alongside Chris Evas; now comes MuhammacAli for the Equitable Life The difference is, of cours, that Ali finally agrei to appear in one of

The is no doubt that it's a coup to landli. His mere appearance demands the rwer's attention - as did Henry Kissiger's presence in a recent Economist I Make no mistake, it is stunning. to seali on the screen - in the past and, moreainfully, in the present. Asked by a litt boy basketball player what he woulbe if he weren't a boxer, the freshfacedli of all our yesterdays answers, by wy of old footage: "If I was a garbagenan, I'd be the greatest garbage mann the world. I'd be the greatest whater I'd have done."

Caso the present and a slower, sadder a cruises around in the back of a limorith onlookers standing starstruck in thetreet. The ad ends with the basketball ayer trying to punch Ali, but the greanoxer holds him at arm's length. The id frame says "Anything's possible wherit's an Equitable Life. But by then who's paying attention? I was so dumaruck by Ali's reduced state that I was amune to the advertiser.

Trad sets your mind spinning in all directors, none of them towards Equitable Life. It's not hairs-standing-up-othe-back-of-your-neck emotional; not cite positive enough to make you emphise with the idea that you can retire ad still be the greatest. It may be becase the soundtrack is prosaic, or that to director tries too hard to be clever. B where my head spun was towardmy Ali memories and what they evoks about my younger self. I couldn't then ake the leap to the Equitable Life. If Athammad Ali is in a commercial,



beenfiered, and Lennon had no choice. ... it should be really special, and this just black art was deemed counter-producisn't. It may be that our heroes should be allowed to rest in their youthful glory, deep within the recesses of our minds.

So here's a plea to admen everywhere: lay off J.P.R. Williams and Ian Botham; Debbie Harry and David Bowie; Peter O'Toole and Julie Christie. Most of all. never use so much as a frame of Peter Lorimer - unless it's from the early Seventies, of course.

■ MARKS & SPENCER has never advertised consistently, at least not like its rivals. A £3-million-à-year-ish budget is a quarter of that of the likes of C&A and benhams, and a tenth in some years of what Sainsbury's and Tesco spend.

M&S never believed it had to. Its ubiquitous presence on the high street, and unswerving commitment to high standards and value-for-money products,



Past glory: the slower, sadder Ali

of marketing strategy. The former management, under Sir Richard Green-bury, could hardly coun-

tenance advertising, and certainly not on television. M&S's image had been so unimpeachable for so long that any association with the rive. And in a company where running

out of stock is a crime, the danger with advertising is that it can work too well. Even real positives - the behind-thescenes role of such designers as Paul Smith, and the great improvements in the quality of ranges such as men's suks - were kept quiet. Still, the occasional campaigns for strawberries in summer or a new range of underwear could clear

shelves overnight. Ironically, even the

three night flirtation with television at

Christmas resulted in record footfall. The truth is that M&S has always been a buying-led, not marketing-led, company. This autumn the buyers got it wrong. Now the new chief executive, Peter Salsbury, has appointed a 29-year M&S veteran. Peter Benfield, as its first marketing director for UK retail. Benfield's role was planned long before the sales slump and profits warning, but it would be naive not to believe that recent events have highlighted M&S's reactionary approach to marketing. This was relatively harmless when it was unchal-lenged as Britain's best retailer, particularly in food. But the competition has improved. Nobody can afford to be out-

marketed - just look at how Tesco has stolen a march over Sainsbury's. In 1999 it seems perverse to write about a retailer as sophisticated as M&S having to embrace marketing. Few doubt that, once it does, it will profit hugely and wonder what it was scared of all those years.

Stefano Hatfield is the Editor of Campaign.

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The Trust will be a company limited by guarantee with charitable status, and is currently formulating policy, and setting up administrative and support systems, in consultation with ACE, supported by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport. It will open in April 1999.

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Application packs are available from: Simon Huish or Paul Johnson, Arts Education & Industry Sponsorship, Arts Division, Department for Culture, Media & Sport, 3rd Floor, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London \$WIY 5DH.Tel: 0171 211 6211. E-mail: emma.cockell@culture.gov.tik.

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# A lesson from church schools

Tony Blair has sent his children to Roman Catholic schools for good reason, argues Tony Mooney

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herie and Tony Blair had cause for quiet satisfaction when the GCSE league tables published last month. The London Oratory, the school attended by their two sons Euan and Nicky, was named as the eighth most improved secondary school in England over the past three

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As a school with 88 per cent it is pupils obtaining five iCSE passes at grade C or above, the Oratory again emphasised the academic advantages of a Roman Catholic edu-

Now it has been announced that the Blairs' daughter Kathryn will also attend a Catholic school, in Hammersmith. Yet critics claim that these advantages are not real and that the apparently superior results are the result of cov-

ert selection. So how does one find out whether Catholic schools offer a better standard of education - than. their state counterparts?

Surprisingly, there has been little independent research into the touic in Britain. However, one study in the differences in

in the former Inner London Education Authority. It found that after taking background factors into account, "the exammation performance of students attending Roman Catholic schools is higher than those of students attending county

Another clue comes from the Chief Inspector of Schools. Since his inspectors have started to name very good and ex-cellent schools, the growing list looks as if it has been obtained from a Vatican education propaganda booklet.

The Americans have been noné systematic in their analysis of the value of Catholic schools. Researchers at the University of Michigan followed more than 3,000 studens from 184 high schools and found that Catholic schools, despite not having stuculturally, economically or academically, were pushing them harder in mathematics than other types of school. A greater percentage of pupils took high-level maths courses and this was consistent across the ability range, suggesting that Catholic schools are "especially equitable in who completes advanced course work".

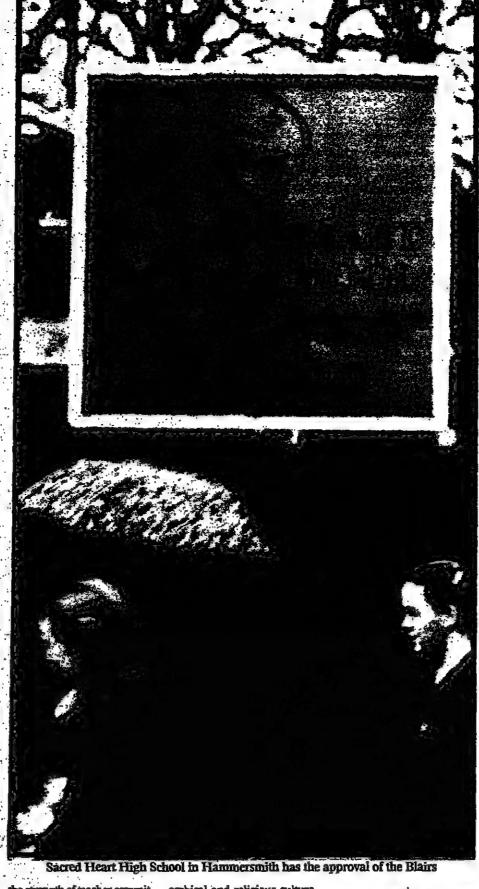
A large-scale inquiry into the early-school and school records of about 60,000 students in more than 1,000 high schools found that Catholic schools were performing much better on a number of fronts than their state counterparts. This was despite the fact that they had less money and fewer well-paid teachers who taught larger classes of pupils who were mainly from the more difficult areas. The study found that it was

> students (blacks, Hispanics and those from low socio-economic backgrounds) who were most likely to profit from attending Catholic secondary schools. Punils discipline problems were likely to benefit even more from their education

well behaved. This examination per-formance of secondary schools cause the Catholic schools contained their discipline problems without resorting to expulsions at the same rate as state schools.

But why are Catholic schools so successful in educating young people? Dr Andrew Morris, the deputy executive secretary of the Diocesan Schools Commission in Birmingham, offered some reasons in the journal Research Papers in Education, also drawing on recent doctoral research undertaken at Warwick University.

Dr Morris argues that Catholic schools have an inbuilt advantage because of the coherence and distinctiveness of the community they serve. Parental attitudes, lifestyle, manner of speaking and thinking are consonant with the school and there is, therefore, a process of mutual reinforcement". According to Dr Morris, it is



the strength of teacher commitment to schools that makes them such places of academic. excellence. Roman Catholic teachers who go out of their way to work in Catholic schools will often see the school as a religious communi-ty and their "self-image and level of commitment may be enhanced and a virtuous circle established".

he expectations of its teachers by the Catholic Church also play a part in the creation of teaching excellence. Catholic teachers are expected to give affection, respect and service to their pupils beyond that re-

onired by educational law or other caring professions. Another feature is good disci-pline. Dr Morris believes that this emanates from several sources. The fact that Catholic schools operate within a hier-

archical and religious culture gives both parents and teachers greater potential for social control, "As such," he adds, "it helps to create a climate of conformity that is likely to assist academic achievement."

Student ease within Catholic schools may also come from the knowledge that in the light of Christian doctrines, "transgression of school porms, if acknowledged and repented, will not necessarily result in being ostracised". This is why questions of discipline and possible exclusion from Catholic schools causes

have to make the decisions. There is little debate in Britain on why Catholic schools are academically and socially effective. Government-sponsored research would not be wasted - the knowledge acquired might be of value in improving all schools.

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# First crack in the fees ceiling

The university fee regime which has prompted a group of Oxford stu-dents to risk glittering academic careers without the slightest prospect of advancing their cause may seem positively benign a few years from now. Those who cautioned that £1,000 a year would be the thin end of a much larger wedge seem certain to be proved right before long.

Having found that the demand for places has easily withstood the introduction of fees, the leading universities are looking forward to a relaxation of the Government's £1,000 limit. Oxford's business school plans for a degree costing up to £15,000 a year may be at the extreme end of the continuum, but for those competing in the world market, the present fee income is a drop in the ocean.

Rethinking Higher Educa-tion, a pamphlet published today by the Institute for Economic Affairs, makes the case for a sharp increase in the student contribution to the cost of higher education. Professor Thomas Lange, director of the Centre for Labour Market Studies at Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, questions the need for even the current size of the university system, let alone further expansion. He argues that more of the financial bur-den should fall on the students because they benefit most. Professor Lange's case rests

partly on contentious and dated calculations on the rate of return to individuals and the State from higher education. They suggest that because of the level of public spending, the economic benefit to the UK is less than in countries such as America and France. The advantage

veloped nations, but it is higher than the "social return".

More recent attempts at the same exercise have suggested that the gap between private and social benefits has narrowed greatly. With the abolition of grants and the advent of tuition fees, it is safe to assume that there will be little difference in years to come; if graduates' employment prospects are as poor as Professor Lange predicts, the individual benefits may soon be minimal.

As the number of students rises again, Pro-

to the individual is also less than in most de-

fessor Lange believes that higher education will serve mainly as a screening process for employers. The quality of many courses and the calibre of students will be so low and the competition for jobs so fierce that higher education will confer the credentials necessary for success in the race for employment without raising productivity or skills levels. He

is particularly scathing about the likely effect on jobs, citing Germany as an example of high levels of qualifications and unemployment: "The mystifying assumption that, by improving Britain's education and training record, somehow unemployment will disappear, is not just debatable; it is misleading at best and at worst it is utter nonsense."

The thesis does not square with the recent forecasts commissioned by the Department for Education and Employment, which saw the potential for another 1.5 million graduate jobs over a ten-year period. But it raises the valid question of what level of fees students will be willing to pay if the financial advantages of higher education become more marginal. Professor Lange makes a logical case for

universities to be set free to charge what the market will bear, leaving students to vote with their feet for a smaller higher education system in which low-quality courses go to the wall. Yet can any government afford to leave access to the top universities entirely at the mercy of the market?

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Every proponent of unfet-tered tuition fees assumes that bursary funds will be available for those who cannot afford to pay thousands of pounds a year for a degree course. Invariably, American universities are quoted as the model to emulate. But the level of donations to American universities by

graduates and corporations is out of all proportion to the British system, and is likely to remain so for the foreseeable future. Only by charging even higher fees to those who can afford to pay would our universities be able to build up the funds necessary for 'needs-blind" admissions.

The burden on a resentful and electorally crucial middle class would be considerable because the idea that graduates would be the ones to repay the costs of tuition is already a myth in many homes.

ith the means-testing of student loans, the Government has limited still further the availability of affordable finance for undergraduates. Increasingly, parents are the paymasters as university replaces independent education as a drain on the family budget. The £1,000 limit is unlikely to change before the next election, but few would bet on it remaining for long thereafter. The new administration will have a fine balance to strike between popular pressures and the need to preserve the quality of higher education.

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may seem, every drama student dreams of performing on the big stage, and last week a company of 34 A-level students took the boards at the Royal Shakespeare Company's The Other Place theatre in Stratford-apon-Avon. For the first time, students from the School of Performing Arts at Stratford-upon-Avon College were given the opportunity to perform five, 30 minute plays three times a day for two days. The plays, each an original,

were created for the practical part of the A level, which accounts for 40 per cent of the final assessment. Despite the creative freedom, stringent exam rules still applied.

The plays were performed as professional productions before an audience, but the lecturers were not allowed to direct. Nevertheless, the calibre

of the work was high. Stratford is one of the most sought-after drama colleges in the country and students travel from as far as Birming-



ham. Some alumni, such as the comedian Ben Elton, even moved to the area just to attend the college.

Drama, it seems, is not just for potential Kate Winslets or Joseph Fienneses, it has a positive influence on those entering other "performance" pro-fessions. Francesca McVeigh, 18, who is going to study law at University College London, says: "I want to be a barrister. And this course gives us confidence, an ability to communicate, to work as a team and to lead others. Problem-solving comes naturally, too, when you are putting a show together. Acting is important to me... after all, that's what barristers do." Mark Taylor, the school

head, agrees. "Role play is an

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# Saleel can spearhead double for Forristal

ON AN afternoon when every pound of lead in the saddle of runners at Ascot will be an onerous burden, the ability to remove weight from a horse's back using the claiming allowance of amateur or conditional riders could prove invaluable.

This points to Richie Forristal enjoying the riding day of his life in today's gluepot conditions. The young Irish amateur, voted point-to-point rider of the year last season. has been a revelation in the National Hunt ranks this term and, with 20 winners, is only four behind Alan Dempsey, who has enjoyed the advantage of a constant supply of chances from the powerful

Mary Reveley yard. Forristal is quite small by jump jockey standards, weighing around 9 stone, but is strong as well as stylish and is already on the books of Dave Roberts, the top jockeys' agent. In the Silver Doctor Open Novices' Handicap (2.05), he teams up with Saleel, with whom he has forged a successful part-

Victories in similarly soft



ground at Market Rasen and Folkestone, plus an even better performance in defeat just behind the useful kingsmark, highlight his chance from a fa-ourable mark on his handi-cap debut. Lucy Wadham, who took out a full licence last summer having earlier held a permit, boasts a 42 per cent strike-rate with runners under Rules and has her seven-year-

old in rude health. Bosuns Mate looks harshly treated off 12 stone and the main threat to Saleel is likely to come from Taufan Boy. twice a course winner this season in similarly demanding Toby Balding, Taufan Boy's trainer, should get close in the Rosling King Hurdle (3.40) with Brave Tornado, another mudlark who is chasing a treble after wins at Ascot and Cheltenham. However, the pair likely to fight out the fin-ish are Jim Old's Three Farthings and The Butterwick Kid, ridden by Forristal.

Three Farthings showed markedly improved form to win on his seasonal reappearance at Wincanton on Boxing Day and, being a half-brother to Simpson, should be seen to even better effect over this longer trip. His hurdling is still open to improvement, which sways me marginally in favour of The Butterwick Kid.

Although Richard Fahey's runner is 41b out of the handi-cap, Forristal's 51b claim compensates and the dual-purpose performer looked one to follow after winning with ease at Wetherby over Christmas. His jumping in the mud was parocularly fluent that day and he quickened away from his rivals in the manner of an improving performer.

Three-runner novice chases. where tactics invariably play an important role, are not ideal betting races and, while Nipper Reed is chosen for the PML Lightning Chase (2.40), a watching brief is advised. The shape of the resched-

uled Victor Chandler Chase (3.10) has changed since Saturday with the defection of Or Royal, top weight for the abandoned running, and that could have a significant impact on the result. Celibate now heads the weights and that could prove too much for this sparely-made eight-year-old.

By contrast, the rise in the weights will favour Get Real, but Nicky Henderson's frontrunning course and distance winner may find this heavy ground against him. Monnaie Forte has also shown his best form on faster going.

However, in a tricky race, Hill Society, a short-head second to Champleve in the Arkle Trophy last March, just gets the nod ahead of Call Equiname, who returns from a 434-day absence but invariably runs well fresh.



Nipper Reed has just two rivals as he chases a treble in the PML Lightning Novices' Chase at Ascot today

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LORD DORCET, pulled out of today's Victor Chandler Chase at Ascot because of unsuitably soft ground, will warm up for the Cheltenham Festival in the Mansion House Handicap Chase at Doncaster tomorrow week. The nine-year-old is being targeted at the Queen Mother

2.05 SILVER COCTOR OPEN HOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

(£5,329: 3m) (5 runners)

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1.20 Shonara's Way. 1.50 Crazy Horse. 2.25 Deep Water. 2.55 Tough Test. 3.30 Oat Couture.

4.00 Supreme Target. GOING: HEAVY

1.20 TATTERSALLS (IRELAND) MARES HOVICES CHASE (QUALIFIER) (£3.526: 2m 6i 110yd) (7 runners) 4-7 Loops Looks, 5-2 Clarecod, 12-1 Starts Call, 15-1 Cherry Dec. Shorter's 33-1 Imposts, 50-1 Poroble-Bud-

1.50 WEATHERBYS DATA SERVICES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,933: 2m 110yd) (9)

2.25 MACBET MOREBATTLE HURDLE (LIMITED HANDICAP) (£5,796: 2m 110yd) (8).

5 2322 PGS80 27 (8.D.S) M/S M Render 5-10-0 M/A Demptay (5) 239
6 2204 CALLICER 27 (D.S) M/S M Render 5-10-0 M/A Demptay (3) 120
6 2204 CALLICER 27 (D.S) M Barres 5-10-0 M/A Demptay (3) 120
7 2223 EPALTED 38 (f) I Carthest 5-10-0 J McCommack (3) 86
8 5/27 TURNOSH TURNOSH 20 (C.S) R Macri 8-10-0 J M/S MoSmith 2.5 Deep Mate. 9.2 Justin Max. 8-1 Paraceguite King. 12-1 Rubbin, 16-1 others.

2.55 BESOM INN HANDICAP CHASE

3.30 GLENDALE ENGINEERING HANDICAP CHASE (£3,614: 2m 1f) (7)

4. 00 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (£2,332: 2m 21) (9)

11-16 Spierate Melody, 11-8 Mr. Busby, 12-Libio Ol Rhum, 14-1 others.

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12.40 Chaluz, 1.10 Family Tree, 1.40 Rambo Waltzer, 2.15 Indian Blaze, 2.45 Ambitious, 3.20

GOING: STANDARD . DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE: SS

12.40 BLUE MARLIN HANDICAP (Div I: £2,463: 71) (9 runners)

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4-1 Pleasure Trick, 5-2 Magain, 5-1 Godinerson Park, Effe Hope, 11-2 fang the Chef. 8-1 Chake, 10-1 Cos. Score, 12-1 offers.

1.10 SHARK HANDICAP (3-Y-0: \$2,801: 60) (10)

3-1 Rayouse, 5-1 Words Pot, 6-1 Indian Swinger, 7-1 Maco Hawdo, Cit Have, 6-1 Cyco. 10-1 Dileta - Negocido Fives, Sharp Rington, 25-1 Family Trag.

1 51-3 RAMEO WALTZER 20 (EF,CD,F,G,S) D Richels 7-9-5 2 4-D1 FAR-SO4.A 7 (C.F) Mrs. Lenell 4-3-7 M March (7) 4 3 00-0 MCDMRAKING 11 (B.CD) 7 Elbertrigue 6-3-2 M Succione 2 4 5545 AMESCINE VERTURE 4 (CD.S) M Chaptain 9-8-13 9-050- BE VALUALIT 52 (G) Mrs. N Macaulay 5-8-10 G Harman (S) 7
6 05-6 EASTLESGED (C.O.S.) B Holdinghas 10-8-10
7 00-0 CAMPONE 15 M Tompless 4-8-4 (A Smith (S) 2
9 0007 SHARP HOLLY 556 M Brainfox 7-7-13 (Smith 6) 5 4.7 Romes Malate 7.1 Fa-So-La Mouvaleno, Amesome Venture, 10-1 De Vanon. 25-1 Campione, 90-1 Exchergh, Sharp Holly

1.40 HALIBUT APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES (£1.994 · 1m) (8)

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3.20 LOBSTER SELLING STAKES (£1,906: 1m 3f) (12)

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3.50 OCTOPUS HANDICAP (52,918: 1m 4l) (12)

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ZACGY LANE landed his third consecutive victory when holding the challenge of Oban by 216 lengths in the Coral Handicap Chase at Taunton yesterday.
"He's a really nice horse

Cheltenham Festival.

and, hopefully, he can now go from strength to strength," his trainer, Pat Rodford, said. The two entries we've made for him are Uttoxeter's Singer And Friedlander Chase and the Sun Alliance Chase at the

RICHARD EVANS

"This is the best horse I've ever handled as I've never had one before that has won three races on the bounce." the trainer added.

The Venetia Williams

trained Careysville was sent off a well-backed evens favourite to follow up a recent Folkestone success, but trailed in well beaten in seventh place with the trainer unable to offer any explanation for the dismal effort

Norman Williamson, the rider of Careysville, had better luck when steering home a double courtesy of the Mark Pitman-frained Santabless and Hightown Cavalier, handled by Ron Hodges.



# Toyota opt to go solo in the fast lane

THE lure of Formula One is tempting yet another leading car maker into an ambitious programme that could cost more than £250 million just to get on to the grand prix grid. Toyota, the third-largest motor manufacturer in the world, announced yesterday that it wants to join the Formula One racing circuit, probably in 2003.

The decision stokes up the pros-pect of a contest between Toyota and Honda, its Japanese rival which comes to Formula One next year with its own team. Moreover, the wider significance will not escape teams competing at present they are concerned about whether they can survive a future that looks as if it will be dominated by multiational corporations.

Like Honda, Toyota seems to want to go it alone by making both the engines and chassis — a departure from the conventions of the sport in which motor manufacturers have usually been happy to supply engines to independent teams. Hiroshi Okuda, the Toyota president, has appointed André de Cortanze, who oversees the company's efforts in the Le Mans 24-hour Race, to set up a base in Germany. in preparation. Several teams in Formula One would have been hoping for Toyota to choose a partnership. Arrows has no engine suppli-er, while Jordan uses engines from Mugen-Honda, a deal that might yet be usurped by the full entry of a Honda works team.

Dr Mark Jenkins, senior lecturer at the Cranfield School of Management, said that the entry of Honda and Toyota signals the end of the age of the motor racing entrepreneur, of men such as Sir Frank Williams and Eddie Jordan. He believes that Formula One will be ruled from the boardrooms of big business. Not only will the maver icks of the sport be overwhelmed, but the implications for the British motorsport industry, which is worth £1.5 billion a year to the country and employs 150,000 people. could be far more serious. Formula One faces the possibility of a "brain drain" as companies, such as Toyota and Honda, posch the best talent but base their activities in their home states or convenient locations, such as Germany. Already, Honda

is employing members of the now defunct Tyrrell team, but it has not given any commitment to working from Great Britain.

Formula One has traditionally been located in the Golden Triangle bordered by Cambridge, Oxford and Reading, known as Motorsport Valley, "Jenkins said, "but if manufacturers want to bring things in-house, they will have no particular commitment to Britain.

only to their own needs and costs." The human face of Formula One also faces extinction. Pioneers, such as Enzo Ferrari, founded a tradition of entrepreneurship that is contimed today by men such as Wil-liams, Jordan, Giancarlo Minardi and Peter Sauber.

Jenkins gave warning that the days when Williams could cadge tyres from rivals and conduct business from a telephone box to get his grand prix team on the grid would be replaced by corporations that want the worldwide publicity that is offered by Formula One. In the meantime, Toyota might have to buy out one of the independents to realise its ambitions.

Formula One has traditionally

been dominated by teams set up by entrepreneurs who have developed relatively small companies that can respond very quickly to the demands placed on them by Formula One racing," Jenkins added, "but the signs are that the motor manufacturers want more control. They want to differentiate their products in the marketplace from the competition and, to do that, they want their own teams. Now Toyota is entering, the question is how long before the other manufacturers in Formula One decide they have to do

Whatever happens, the prospects of another Eddie Jordan emerging to run an independent team in the present, expensive climate of Formula One seem to be remote. When Jordan ended his first season in For-mula One in 1991, he was £45 million in debt and scoured the circuits for young and cheap drivers. In con-trast, the British American Racing team starts this season with a fiveyear budget of £250 million and em-ploys the second highest-paid driv-er in the sport, Jacques Villeneuve, on a £10 million salary.



#### Refugee runs out of Africa into England team

David Powell on the Ethiopian athlete who made a brave dash for freedom

ning to fall out of a grey Durham sky when Birhan Dagne, two of her fellow-Ethiopian athletes and a coach slipped out of the university accommodation to which they had returned after the world cross-country championships the previous day. With just enough English to call a taxi, frightened and not knowing what fate might befall them, they headed for the local railway station while their

team managers slept.

By mid-morning, the four had arrived at King's Cross, knowing nobody and nothing of the capital. All they could do was wait for an Ethiopian to pass by and ask for help. A woman, on her way to church, was the first they approached. Was she Ethiopian? Yes," came the reply. Would she help these desperate runners on the run? "Yes," again. So began the process of seeking asylum in Great Britain as the woman escorted them to the nearest refugee cen-

Almost four years later, Dagne will become tomorrow the first African refugee to run for England. She has been selected for a senior women's team of three to contest the Coca-Cola international cross-country race in Belfast. Ironically, she could make her uship debut for Britain at the world cross-country champion-ships in Belfast this March, competing against team-mates she abandoned in Durham on the last occasion that Britain hosted the

This could prove to be a land-mark in British distance running. Paula Radcliffe and Jon Brown apart, Britain is anonymous at world-class in a section of athletics that is dominated by Africans. However, behind Dagne, there are Moroccan, Ethiopian and Somalian athletes living and compet-ing in Britain and waiting for their chance.

Dagne, 20, seized her moment to escape Ethiopia without warning her parents, although she had been planning it for a month. There was fear among the oncedominant Amharas of persecution by the new coalition government and Dagne claims to have been out training in preparation for Durham. After 46 months without seeing her parents, she said yesterday from her home in Bethnal Green: "I miss my family, I miss

my country, 1 miss everything."
Nevertheless, making the best of it, she has married, learnt to speak English and has been granted asylum. By next year, she expects to have received the citizenship that she would need to compete at the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000.

"It has been very hard, a new life without my family," Dagne said. She has met one of her brothers in Switzerland, but has not seen any of her four other siblings since leaving Ethiopia. "My fami-

'She is a tough, single-minded lady to have achieved what she has in a strange country'

ly were very upset I did not tell anybody, but they are happy now that I run for Great Britain. I tell them I am happy because I am alive. In Ethiopia, maybe some-body would have killed me. " She recalls bow, waiting on Dur-ham station, she sat in fear. "We

were waiting about an hour, a long, long time, and we were frightened," she said. "We thought we might be taken to pris-on or maybe killed." Dagne's switch as an athlete

from Ethiopia to Great Britain, was cleared by the International Amateur Athletic Federation in November. "She must be a tough, single-minded lady to have achieved what she has in a strange country," Rita Brownlle, the England team manager, said. Training in the British winter

has been a shock to Dagne. " I do not like the cold," she said. "In Ethiopia, the sun shines for 12 months. It is a new life here in

BOXING: BIRMINGHAM HEAVYWEIGHT CAPITALISES ON KICK-START TO HIS CAREER

#### Reid gets British title chance

heavyweight, who is being tipped to follow in the footsteps of Lennox Lewis, will get the chance to underline his potential when he challenges Julius Prancis, of Peckham. for the British championship at York Hall on January 30.

PELE REID, the Birmingham...

Francis was to have met Danny Williams, another Londoner, but, when the challenger pulled out with an eye injury. Reid was called in. He was in training to challenge Vitali Klitschko, of Ukraine, for the European title, but Frank Warren, the promoter, convinced him that the British title was more important. "Anyway, Klitschke will be accommodated

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BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

after Pele beats Francis." Warren said.

Warby 18, he had lifted the kick.

Reid came to boxing at the age of 23 by way of kick box-ing. His father, who named his first son Santos, wanted his second to take up football, but, despite his christian name. Pele Reid was more impressed by the exploits of Jackie Chan and Bruce Lee than the great Brazilian and took

up martial arts at the age of 11. "The kids I ran with in Aston were a hard lot and there was a chance I would get into trouble. That is why I chose another route and I'm proud of what I've achieved so far. I

FOR THE RECORD

boxing world championship, after winning the European crown with a second-round knockout. When he turned to professional boxing, he joined Brendan Ingle, because he liked the style of boxing that the Sheffield trainer had taught Herol Graham and Na-

seem Hamed Reid is unbeaten in 13 contests and all his victories have been inside the distance. Eight have ended in the first round and only one has gone beyond three. Ingle thinks Francis will .go out in two.

), Smith at 11sec; 3, Slithby same time; 4; Backsteck 20; 5, E Zabel (Ger) 1:56.

Both Ingle and Warren be-lieve that Reid has the qualities to go all the way. "He is named after a famous man and now I expect him to make a name in his own right, "War-ren said. "He should be among the top ten in 18 months. Right now, he'd beat

any American at his level." Ingle agreed. "If he hits you, he knocks you out," he said. "He is so strong, you have to nail him to the floor to beat

If Reid lives up to expectations, his quick victories added to a natural charm and positive outlook should make him ideal for marketing when he reaches the top level.

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

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By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Begin Bridge with The Times:

Lesson 40 - More on Responding in a Suit

So far, all the responses in a suit to a one-level opening have
been fairly straightforward. You have simply bid your longest
suit at lowest level (and we have established what to do when

you had "two longest suits").

Sometimes it is more complicated. Your first question should be: "Is my responding hand worth one or two bids?" With fewer than 11 HCP, game is unlikely and your hand is worth only one bid. If partner makes a minimum rebid, you want to close the contract below game level. With il or more HCP, even if partner makes a minimum rebid, you want to make a second response which invites him to consider a game contract. Consider the following two hands after partner has opened

One Heart: (A) ♠ KJ73 ♥ 87 COLA O O AJBS 4 Q84 4 764.

On both hands you respond One Spade. But with Hand (A) if partner rebids Two Hearts you will pass; if he rebids Two Clubs you will give simple preference to Two Hearts (more on this later). You have a minimum response; he has shown no extra values; you will sign off. However, Hand (B) is the provided to the state of the provided that stronger. Now you are worth a game invitation. If he rebids Two Hearts or Two Clubs you are worth Two No-Trumps. This shows similar values to an immediate Two No-Trump response but you showed your four-card spade suit first.

If your hand is worth only one bid then priority must be given to showing major suits.

Consider these hands after partner has opened One Heart: (C) ♠ KJ43 ♥ 87 (D) 4 KJ43 (E) 4 KJ43 ♥ Ka 0 Q10765 0 Q10785 Q Q10785 ♣ K6 4 76 + 75

Hand (C) does not have the 9 HCP necessary for a two-level response, so you must respond One Spade. Although Hand (D) has 9 HCP it doesn't have the 11 necessary to intend to make two bids, so again start with the major suit. Respond One Spade. However, with Hand (E) you have enough to invite game facing a minimum rebid from partner. So bid your longest suit first. Respond Two Diamonds, intending to bid Two Spades if parmer rebids Two Hearts.

Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness of Norway continue to dominate the 1999 MaCallan international pairs, being played at the White House Hotel, Regent's Park, London. They have led from the start of the tournament.

Scores after seven rounds: I, Helgemo and Helness 290 VPs: 2, Chemia and Levy (France) 255 VPs; 3 equal. Auken and von Arnim (Germany) 254 VPs and Lauria and Versace (Italy); 5, Chagas and Weinstein (Brazil/US) 252 VPs.



b4+ Qc3 Ra7

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Kasparov brilliance

In the fourth round of the elite tournament at Wijk aan Zee in Holland, the world's top two ranked players, Garry Kasparov and Viswanathan Anand, both continued their winning ways. They still share the lead with 3%/4. However, t was Kasparov's win against Veselin Topalov, the Bulgarian grandmaster, which seized the attention of spectators and experts alike. In a brilliant sac-rificial onslaught Kasparov sacrificed a rook to smoke out his opponent's king and hunted it across the board to its doom. What distinguished this combination were a number of piquant moments where Kasparov played quiet, non-forcing moves in his victory march, despite being a huge

amount of material in arrears. White: Garry Kasparov Black: Veselin Topalov Wijk aan Zee 1999

Pire Defence Be3 Qd2 Rd1 exd5 Rxd4 23 24

Rodo 7 Oxf6 c3+ Qe1+ Qb2+ B#1 Rd7 Diagram of final position i i // Witk 

Keene online You can send me your queries, puzzles, problems and games direct by e-mail. The address is keenechess@aol.com. The best contributions from Times readers will be published ei-ther here or in the Saturday

Times Weekend column. Times book The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Bassford Ltd (tel: 01797 369966 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

THE Wijk aan Zee games can be followed on www.chess2.lostcity.nl/hoogovens/

#### WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

STROOL a. To mimic unkindly

b. A three-legged stool c. A stream

a. A seal b. A sharp turn at skiing c. A Temonic hero

a. Waterproofed leather b. An Albanian pub c. Z in the Lydian alphabet SHAGGERY

a. Conspicuous idleness b. A breeding colony c. A rough tweed

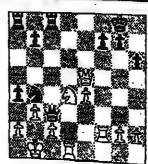
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Sutovski --Gritsak, Poland, 1998. Black has a promising

attack, but White can look for compensation with his wellcentralised and active forces. How did he make the most of his chances?

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**BOWLS** 

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# West heading in direction of Newcastle

By George Caulkin and Richard Hobson

NEWCASTLE United direc- adviser, travelled to England tors were understood to have persuaded Taribo West of the merits of a permanent transfer to Tyneside last night after agreeing a £4.2 million fee with Internazionale for the Nigeria defender.

West had previously stated his preference for a loan ar-rangement after falling foul of Mircea Lucescu, the Serie A club's Romanian coach, Having finally contacted West, who is preparing for Nigeria's African Nations' Cup qualifying match with Burundi on Saturday, United were confident enough of a positive outcome to reserve a room in a Newcastle hotel for the Lagosborn centre half. A medical team has also been put on standby, although West's international commitments will delay his arrival.

West, who won the Uefa Cup with Internazionale last season, has not started a league match for almost seven weeks, saying that Lucescu has "put me in the shadows". Newcastle were first alerted of his availability last month when Michel Basilevitch, his

Crystal Palace midfield play-

er, is expected to complete a

move to Lazio today for a fee

of about £500,000 (Russell

Kempson writes). The former

Juventus and Sampdoria player flew to Rome for discus-

sions with Lazio officials

Lombardo's move is the lat-

est in a series of departures

from Selhurst Park as Mark

Goldberg, the Palace chair-

man, attempts to cut costs at

the Nationwide League first

division club. Marcus Bent

has joined Port Vale for £375,000 and Matt Jansen

was bought by Blackburn Rovers for £4.1 million on

"Attilio served us well,"

Goldberg said. "We're sorry

he is leaving, but it is the same

situation as it was with Matt.

yesterday.

Lombardo adds to

Palace abdications

to talk to interested parties. Ironically, Liverpool's interest in West has cooled only because their manager. Gérard Houllier, is confident of signing Steve Howey, of Newcasle, under freedom of contract

Middlesbrough's decision to dispense with the services of Marco Branca has met with a querulous response from the Italian centre forward, who claims to know nothing about

it was going to be very diffi-

was looking to trim further the first-team squad. "We've got 40 players and should real-

ly have only 22 or 23." he said.
"We've got to provide opportu-

nities for the youngsters and

make sure we're running an

"I'm acting not under crisis

management, but purely good

business management. I've

learnt a lot here and I thought

move two steps forward."

£1.6 million in August 1997.

Angle-Welsh friendly matches.

allegedly stamping, but, having stud-ied a video recording, the club says that it will defend Hutton at a discipli-

Gloucester Spartans opted yester-

day not to appeal against a decision to ban its entire first team after a

brawl during a league match against

Cinderford. Thirteen players have

been suspended for a fortnight, start-ing on Monday, while two others. Bobby Fowke and Stuart Brazil, were

banned for 35 days after being sent

off during the game, which was aban-

doned five minutes before half-time by the referee. Cinderford were exon-

owner of Bristol, agreed yesterday that the protracted nature of merger

talks with London Scottish was harm-

ing the game, but insisted that the ac-

tion was necessary to safeguard Bris-

tol's future. Pearce said that without a guarantee of promotion to the top di-

vision of whatever structure is in

place next season, he has had to take

Ireland's summer tour to Australia

has been reduced from six to four

matches because the Irish RFU could

not guarantee the availability of its

Three of England's Five Nations

Championship matches this season

will be controlled by referees from the

southern hemisphere. Only their first

match, against Scotland, will have a

European in charge - David

Ed Morrison, the leading English

referee, will be in action on the cham-

pionship's opening weekend, on Feb-

ruary 6, when he takes charge of Scot-

ruary o. when he takes charge of Scot-land against Wales at Murrayfield.

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strongest side for the full tour.

his controversial action.

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Malcolm Pearce, the millionaire

erated of any blame.

efficient organisation.

Goldberg indicated that he

cult to keep Attilio."

Wolverhampton Wander-ers, of the Nationwide League first division, have appealed to the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) to release Robbie Keane from the world youth championships in April. The FAI have so far failed to respond to a request by Wolves to ignore Keane for the under-20 competition in Nigeria. Steve Bull, the club's record goalscorer, will return to light training next week after initial fears that a knee injury would bring his career to a close. Moussa Saib could be on his

way out of White Hart Lane after defying George Graham, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, and flying to join the Al-geria squad for their game against Tunisia on Sunday. Graham will contact the Football Association for guidance on dealing with Saib's "disap-pearing" act after saying: "He has shown a lack of respect to the club and the fans and, without question, he'll be seriously

result of a serious knee injury

The FA Carling Premiership

club issued a statement on

Wednesday, saying that it had

"rejuctantly" accepted medical advice that a knee injury sus-

tained by Branca last April

had brought a premature end

Branca, 34, said yesterday:

"I don't know why the club is saying this. I'm doing rehabili-tation work in Milan, but I'll

be up in Middlesbrough in a

few weeks to talk to the club."

to his career.

The agent of Marko Viduka has claimed that the Celtic forward is "sick and tired" of the club's hard line over his return to Parkhead and will consider legal action to resolve the ongoing dispute over his £3 million transfer from Croatia Zagreb. Viduka is desperate to resume his playing career after recuperating from the emotional stress that he insisted lay behind his walkout after just one training session in

that throwing money at the equation was the right way to .However, Celtic's continued go. Now. we might have to take one step backward to insistence on him receiving his hefty signing-on fee — be lieved to be as much as Lombardo, 33, the former £1.5 million — in instalments Italy international, joined while he proves his long-term commitment to the club has Palace from Juventus for left Viduka exasperated.



Hollins, left, and Curtis have revived a club that had been in turmoil for years until they came together six months ago

#### Reborn Swansea take wing

ohn Hollins, Swansea City manager, house in Chelsea, jokes that it costs him £4.20 every time he wants to get back into Wales, such is the expense of crossing the Severn Bridge. but that he would be happy to pay a fiver if it meant beating Derby County at home in the FA Cup tomorrow, Either way, this is small money compared with the £370,000 it took to pack Alan Curtis off out of Wales 20 years ago.

Curtis departed Swansea for Leeds United in 1979 as the club's record transfer sale and the League's joint-top scorer from the previous season, but he stayed at Elland Road for only 18 months. Before leaving the Vetch Field, Curtis had helped Swansea from the lower end of the fourth division into the

While Curtis was away. Swansea stayed put. Within six months of his return, bought for half the fee that he was sold for after flopping at Leeds: the Swans were in the first division. The following season, managed by John Toshack, they led the league for a while and remained in contention for the champion-

ship until April. A string of defeats towards the end saw Swansea finish in sixth place, but still the

David Powell on the men bringing back the glory days to Vetch Field

dub's highest League finish. Now, as the fourth-round fie with Derby approaches, Cur-tis, in his fourth spell with Swansea — three as a player, now as assistant manager says that these are the best days at the Vetch since the two-season stay in the top divi-

The hairs on the back of your neck stand up and you get a tingling sensation," Curtis said. "The

last time we had that was when the dub was in the old first division." Since then, keeping count of the managers has kept busy the fingers of fans who.

remember using them to tally Curtis's goals [32 in the 1977-78 season]. Swansea have had changes of manager in 15 years, three parting company. al of Hollins last July. Two incumbents in the past three

years, Kevin Cullis and

Micky Adams, each survived

less than a fortnight. Only 15.

"It was becoming a laugh-ing stock, bordering on farce," Curtis recalled, "When Alan Cork took over, I was doing the youth team and the first team. There was nobody else left. When Cork went last summer. Hollins was

months ago, the club was in turmoil and Curtis could bare-

ly believe what was happen-

installed, unperturbed at Swansea's reputation, glad to be a manager again, ten years after he had last beld such a post.

1988. Hollins managed Chelsea. Though he still has a home there, to which he returns once a week he spends most nights at his flat in Swansea. Hollins insists that he had not thought of packing in almost as soon as he had arrived as. were one place off the bottom. Now, halfway up the table and after climinating Millwall, Stoke City and West

Ham United from the FA

Cup. Hollins is no dying Swan.

"I came here because this was an opportunity for me to use the experience I had from playing coaching and manag-ing — some good experiences, some bitter ones." Hollins said. "What I have learnt is how a club should be run and how a club should not be run. We have put that into practice, but we have only just

"Alan and I have been together for six mouths. I have not bought, loaned or sold anybody. We are just trying get our experience into them and make them play. It was a sad place when I arrived, but not now."

Until decamping to Swansea. Hollins had spent all his football life with clubs in London. With Chelsea, he played in two FA Cup finals, the first in 1967, against Tottenham Hotspur, when Curtis was at school in South Wales. "In those days, you were either a Spurs, Manchester United or Chelsea supporter," Curtis recalled noting that he had gone with Spurs because "I

Not a Hollins man! Not. then. It took Curtis 21 years to come round to the idea, but now they are a team, Swansea are on the rise again. Derby beware.

**Financial** lift for Conference tailenders

Non-League Football By Walter Gammie

THE announcement of a record sponsorship deal with Nationwide yesterday has enhanced the status of the Food ball Conference. Nevertheless, the health of a league must be judged by that of its clubs and too many of these find life a perpensal struggle. The news that Farnborough Town, who are bottom of the table, have engineered a deal that they hope will secure their future in the Nationwide Conference is most welcome, therefore.

A London-based consortium is prepared to settle the bills that forced the club into voluntary liquidation, turn it into a public limited company, lay down a five-a-side pitch and extend the clubhouse. Should Farnborough keep their Conference place, the consortium has also promised to bring Cherrywood Road up to Nationwide League standard. Alan Taylor, the managerasaid: "It's all agreed in principle. It's a bit like a house sale.

We've exchanged but not com-pleted. We're almost there." Taylor has been promised resources to buy players and he expects to have newcomers in the side away to Kingstonian tomorrow. We have spent the past ten months selling, selling and not replacing," he said. "Now, we've got the chance to bring in one or two fresh faces."

The financial problems that have dogged Barrow's first season back in the Conference will come to a head on Monday when they face a windingup order from a company that did work on the ground in the summer. The dismissal of Owen Brown, the manager, after Barrow's 2-1 win over Welling United lifted them to sixteenth place, had as much to do with the belief that Shane Westley, the former Lincoln City manager, assisted by John Beck as "football consultant, can work better within tight budgetary constraints than the poor results and disciplinary record - five sendings-off and 65 bookings this season - that were cited by the club.

Paul Alcock, the convalescent FA Carling Premiership referee, left his mark on the Far-Limbro Trophy third round tie between Kingstonian and Kettering Town on Tuesday. Kingstonian took full advantage of Alcock's dismissal of Lee Hudson, when Kettering were leading 1-0, to run away to a 5-2 victory.

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**RUGBY UNION** 

#### England put the case for leniency

By Mark Souster

ENGLAND will discover next week what penalty, if any, the International Rugby Board (IRB) intends to impose in its latest sparring match with Twickenham. Having been found guilty last week of "conduct prejudicial to the interests of the board", the Rugby Football Union (RFU) met yesterday's deadline by submitting its defence and plea for

leniency.
The IRB had taken its action because, it said, the union had reneged on the commitment to support the board in its stance against England's leading clubs, who, in a legal submission to the European Commission in April, challenged its authority and control over certain areas of the game. In essence, the union's lawyers argued yesterday that Twickenham did not have a case to answer and that its behaviour, while perhaps regrettable, had not damaged the board and therefore no fine or other punishment was warranted. The board disciplinary committee has in-. dicated already that it will not suspend England from the World Cup, but the prospect of a heavy fine remains.

The English clubs want to be able to negotiate their own commercial agreements for competitions in which they participate and they maintain that the board's control amounts to restrictive practice. In a separate case last month, the board withheld a £60,000 grant to the union for failing



#### Greed supplants dignity in soul of the Five Nations

voking an image so redolent of the past merely reinforced the regret for the way things were and how they have so uncomfortably changed. Allan Hosie, Brian Baister and Bill Beaumont to prevent the unofficial cross-border stood with pints of warm beer in their hands and declared that the Richmond are to appeal against the dismissal of Robbie Hutton, a Five Nations Championship, in its traditional form, had not disapflank forward, during the Allied Dunpeared after all. England were no bar Premiership game away to Gloucester. Hutton was sent off in longer the pariahs of Europe. the final minutes of the match for

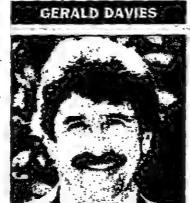
The thin smiles in the photograph of the chairman of the Five Nations Committee (Hosie) with the Rugby Football Union chairman (Baister) and negotiator (Beaumont) seemed to suggest that no problem is so great that it cannot be settled with a pie and a pint at the Drum and Monkey. England were reinstated, with one or two provisos, as full members.

This is the second time that the Five Nations Championship has been put at risk. In July 1996, there was a sinking feeling of disbelief when a similar expulsion took place, which was followed by joy and relief when an agreement was reached and the championship was back on course. The events of this past week have simply been tiresome and liri-

Who are we meant to believe? Did any meetings take place or didn't they? If not, why not? How is it that men who are appointed as administrators cannot arrange times and dates that are mutually convenient for meetings? How is it that, after some kind of protracted discussions. a decision is reached one day, only, after a sudden dash to Glasgow, for it to be overturned 24 hours later? Are not the participating parties

bringing the game into disrepute? As ever, money is at the root of the problem. Chasing the almighty doiar has been compounded by the fact that the rugby authorities, aware of the immense popularity of international rugby, have been unable to put a price on the value of their property, the tournament involving England, France, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. They all knew that the game was valuable to television, but how

valuable? Fuelled by panic, greed was in the air in 1996, as it is now. This was why a Five Nations Committee was instituted, to co-ordinate the efforts of all countries concerned so that they could all benefit. Because their television contract is out



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of kilter with the others, France could not immediately be a party to the negotiations, but had committed themselves firmly to the principle. England believed that, because of their higher percentage share of the potential television audience, they had a claim on the greater share of the money. They decided to pursue their own individual contract for all matches at Twickenham.

They may have had a good case. except that the property for sale was the Five Nations Championship in its entirety, not bits of it. Each country is dependent on the others; there is a mutuality of interest. The argument goes that the cham-

pionship cannot do without England. This is true - but the championship cannot exist without the others either. Take out any one country and the tournament is significantly less attractive.

For example, Wales are down on their luck at the moment, but we only need to go back a couple of decades to appreciate what their absence would have meant then. The tourna-

Take out any one country and the tournament is significantly less attractive?

ment would have been substantially

The problem is that so many from the players, to the administra-tors at Twickenham — repeat endlessly the axiom that the champion-ship cannot do without England, and believe it so intensely, that they are creating the impression that it is so. Critical though their presence is to the tournament, they are not. if push came to shove — as it clearly did this week — indispensable: certainly not in the existing unstable cli-

What the union in England will also have come to understand is that it could be isolated. In July 1996, it may have thought that it had outgrown the championship and that competition against the southern-hemisphere nations would approximate more to its standing in world rugby. The prospect was mooted that, with France, they could fashion an alternative Five Nations Championship to include the three nations of the southern hemisphere. After England's dis-play last summer and the turmoil itsuffering in its relationship with the International Rugby Board those three countries are no longer so enamoused of the idea.

Yet why, in any case, should a championship that is so unquestionsbly appealing be put in such jeop-ardy? The time may indeed come. though it is a long way off, when there is a sufficient number of countries playing rugby at the highest level that some may wish to pursue their independent whims and to determine their own destinies without the Five Nations Championship. Rugby may then need to consider another structure - but that moment has not antived.

For the time being, it is in rugby's best interests to act collectively in order to broaden the game globally. This will not occur if countries choose to act selfishly.

By then, any sense that decisions may be determined in bar-room conviviality will be long gone. At the mo-ment, with so much acrimony born of past grievances, one can only wish things to be as they once were. At least such hobnobbing chumminess ensured that common sense and honour prevailed. Then, the game was harmonious and had a deep sense of its own dignity.

**BOWLS** 

#### Players benefit as seeds fall

By DAVID RHYS JONES

THE failure of the top-ranked seeds, in their opening games. players in the world indoor singles championship at Potters Leisure Resort in Norfolk has delighted those who have campaigned for making the sport's televised events more accessible.

The top 16 players on the World Bowls Tour ranking list were seeded through to the secand round, but only six survived their opening matches. Mervyn King, the No 4 seed, from Norfolk, who was

unseeded Scot; on Sunday, admitted that there is very little to choose between those in the top 16 and the rest. We were just lucky to be in the right place at the right time to earn the points that have put us in pole position, but there are lots of good bowlers around and I'm not at all

surprised by what's been happening he said. Yet there is another factor. This year, because the field. has been increased to 48, the

played a match on the porta-ble rink, but whose confidence was boosted by their firstround successes. John Price. the No 5 seed, who was beaten by Mark McMahon on Tuesday, claimed some credit on behalf of the Professional Bowls Association (PBA), of which he is chairman. "The PBA has been cambeaten by Alex Marshall, an

came up against opponents who had not only already

paigning for more qualifying events and for competito who are just out of the top 16 to have their chance," he said yesterday. "As a result of the expansion of the field, it's a much stronger event and the eclipse of the seeds was quite predictable."

Even though Steve Rees, the No 7 seed, 38, from Swansea, defeated Robert Newman, the British champion, on Wednesday night, the average age of the competitors left in the tournament remains below 30.

#### Essex suffer setback

ESSEX Mers hopes of retain- accept an offer to play in New ing their English Counties. Zealand, have struggled to League championship have been dealt a blow after they. failed in their bid to rearrange their final match against Middlesex, the leaders, which is scheduled for April 10 (Cathy Harris writes).

The champions will be miss-Commonwealth Games bronze medal-winning goalkeeper, who will be playing for a New Zealand club in March and April.

Despite being offered sever-al dates by Essex Met, Middle sex, who will be without Helen Lonsdale, another player to

Zealand, have struggled to reach a suitable alternative.

Pat Meadows, the Essex Met coach, said: "Initially, I was a bit peeved, but now I've got: used to the idea. We're simply going to have to work our socks off "

Although the All England ing Amanda Newton, their Nethall Association had agreed for two matches between the leading contenders to be rearranged. Derbyshire's match against Bedfordshire will also go ahead as scheduled, despite Derbyshire being without Naomi Siddall and Olivia Murphy, both of whom will be in New Zealand.

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Salt Lake

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

pic movement would lose any

inquiry from being launched.

more damaging allegations surrounding the Salt Lake City

bidding team claiming that a

and dine members of the IOC. Pirjo Haggman, of Finland,

has already resigned her seat on the IOC ahead of the offi-

cial inquiry into the Salt Lake

City bid and a further 12 mem-

bers are set to follow when the

be allowed to host the 2002 Games, but the practicalities

mean that finding an alterna-

tive at such short notice would

not been pointed at the three recent British bids — Birming-

ham (1992) and Manchester

(1996 and 2000) - but added:

There were certain allega-

tions made about IOC mem-

bers while they were in Man-

chester. The complaints were

forwarded to the IOC, but

Junichi Yamaguchi, a sen-

ior official in the Nagano team

that bid successfully for the 1998 Winter Olympics.

claimed yesterday that records concerning its bid were

destroyed after IOC members.

asked that they be kept secret.

He said \$14 million (£8.5 mil-

lion) was spent on entertain-ing 62 IOC officials, but add-ed: "We were concerned that it"

public, it could cause unpleas-

were hard to substantiate."

He said that suspicion had

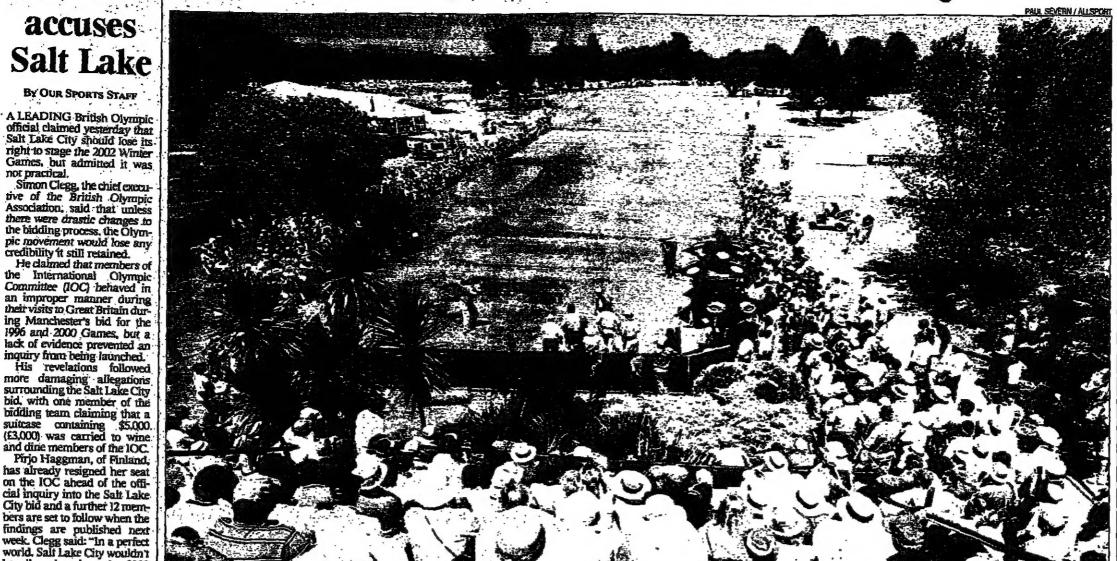
be almost impossible."

credibility it still retained.

not practical.

# Garbutt makes most of early start

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Els, of South Africa, watched by a packed gallery, tees off during his round at Stellenbosch yesterday. He started promisingly, but finished the day four shots behind the leaders

THERE are days at a golf tournament when the leaders are determined not so much by one player's edge over another as by other factors. The day of the first round of the South African Open was one such. The weather made a big difference. Those who started early played in calm conditions, but those who played later faced a gusty wind and intense heat as the temperature rose to nearly

Furthermore, in the sharp light that is a feature of this part of the Cape, 20 miles east of Cape Town, it is harder to read the lines on the greens when the sun is directly overhead than when it is lower in the sky. Putting was harder, therefore, for the later starters. Ronnie McCann, who was born in South Africa but left was 13. Jan Garbuit, the

former English Amateur

champion, who has not had a distinguished career as a professional, and Sven Struver, the Germany World Cup player, are the leaders after recording rounds of 67. All three started their first rounds between 6.30am and 7.20am and were back in the clubhouse before midday. It could be more difficult for them today, when they tee off between 11.30am and noon.

Garbutt, whose best finishin a-European tour event was seventh in the Dutch Open last year, went to bed at 9pm on Wednesday, woke seven hours later and was on the first tee at 6.50am. He played steadily, birdieing three of his first four holes before threeputting from 70ft on the 6th. Coming home was harder and he added only two more

in the Alfred Dunhill SA PGA

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN STELLENBOSCH

Championship at Houghton golf club in Johannesburg last Sunday, but he was suffering from a stomach upset there and he seemed to be a different player on this occasion. His putting in particular, had improved. "It can really blow here." Garbutt said. "We were lucky to have the best of the

Nick Faldo also started early, at 7.10am, and was furious with himself by the time that he had finished because he felt he had failed to capitalise on the good conditions. There is no pleasing some people. Faldo's 70, one under par, was seven strokes better than his opening round in Johannesburg

and contained only three bo-

#### SCORES FROM STELLENBOSCH

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (South Africa unless stated): 67; R Mo-cann (US), I Gerbutt (Eng), S Struver (Ger), 68; A Celva (Ger), J Kingston, 68; D Frost, S Pappes, M Moutand (Wales), R Kapian, H Alberts, I Palmer, A Roestolf, D Faught, P. McGirley, (Eng), 70; C Kamps, N Faddo (Eng), P Lonard (Aus), "I holoday, R May (US),

R Gonzalez (Arg), P Blaike, M McNully (Zm), W Coetsee, A Pitts (US), 8 Tinning (Den), R Wessels, J Singh (India), P Nyman (Swe), J Bickerion (Eng), M Roe (Eng), G Owen (US), B Pappas, I Hutchings, S Daniels, D Gammon, R Whittaker (US), B Fouches, H Thui (Ger), Other scorner, 72: B Langer (Ger), I Woodsee Garbutt finished only 38th: aw, I Gardo (Sp), M Gortana, C Hain-line (Den), A Cottan (Scot), In the Alfred Durnhill SA PGA Botas, P Stoland (Swe), S Allan (Aus). T8: P-U Johannson (Swe).

gies. When was the last time he outscored Ernie Els? "It was a piece of cake." Faldo said. There is nothing going on out there. The greens are holding. It's there for the taking. Par is 68 max right now. Ernie Els will make mincemeat of it."

Els set off at 11.50am, just after Faldo had finished. For his first seven holes, he looked as though he might, indeed, do as Faldo had suggested, hol-ing putts of 30ft on the 5th and 25ft on the 6th. However, the 8th stopped him in his tracks. He drove into the left rough, took three to reach the green and then missed a six-footer for par. After that, he went off the boil, coming home in 37. one over par, and failed to get his par at the 18th.

Peter Baker was another frustrating day. "Some days, a 72 is a really great score." Bak-

# **SPORT**

#### RFL to take final north of border

RUGBY LEAGUE: The 2000 Challenge Cup final will be held at Murrayfield, the home of Scottish rugby union. The Rugby Football League (RFL) announced the decision vesterday, which sees the game's showpiece occasion move north of the border for the first time in its 103-year history. Apart from during the Second World War, the final has been staged at Wembley every year since 1929, but, with the stadium being redeveloped, the RFL was forced to look for a new venue. The game is scheduled for April 29 next

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Gloucestershire, Somerset and Worcestershire to form a reciprocal quadrangular membership scheme that will allow members of all four counties to watch championship cricket free of charge at all other grounds within the group. Anyone who joins any of the four counties will, on production of their valid membership card, be entitled to free admission to matches being staged by any of the other arrangement applies only to county championship cricket

CRICKET: Glamorgan have

joined forces with

and matches that involve the member's county playing away at any of the other three counties are excluded. MOTOR RALLYING:

Volkswagen is set to make British Rally Championship history in 1999 by fielding a diesel-engined Golf in the series. The Golf TDI will be driven by Neil Simpson and will form part of a three-pronged attack on the British championship. **EXCLING:** Stuart O'Grady.

the winner of the Prutour. Great Britain's leading professional race, last year and a leader of the 1998 Tour de France, took the third stage and the overall lead of the Tour Down Under in Australia yesterday. Riding in his own country. O'Grady won the 149-kilometre stage by 5sec from Duncan Smith, also of Australia.

CRICKET: WORLD CHAMPIONS FINALLY OFF THE MARK WITH THRILLING VICTORY IN TRIANGULAR ONE-DAY COMPETITION

#### Sri Lankans grow weary of debate over Muralitharan

AS ENGLAND'S cricketers enjoyed a rare day off yesterday, their opponents in the triangular one-day tournal to ment were trying to patch up problems of their own. The Australians, reeling from the shock of Ricky Ponting's exclusion from the side after his involvement in a nightclub brawl, have lost Steve Waugh to a pulled hamstring, while Sri Lanka resent the treatment of Muttiah Muralitharan, their star off spinner.

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Waugh, the captain of the Australia one-day team, carried his injury into the tournament and missed the first three games, when Shane Warne led the side. In Hobart, where Sri Lanka won the latest game by three wickets, to gain their first victory. Warne again took over the captaincy after Waugh withdrew.

With Ponting in the dog-house and Michael Bevan nursing a groin strain, they have summoned Stuart Law. the Queensland and Essex batsman, and Michael Kaspruwicz, the seam bowler, for the game against England at the Adelaide Oval next Tuesday, Australia Day. Kasprowicz BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

replaces Bradley Young, the off spinner, who has an ankle

On Saturday Sri Lanka play England. The big question is whether Ross Emerson and Tony McQuillan, two of the umpires who called Muralitharan for throwing during Sri Lanka's tour in 1995, will call him again. They are standing in the match and the issue remains extremely sensitive.

Darrell Hair's decision to stand himself down from the umpires' panel for this tournament - and his imminent disrepute charge, brought against him for calling Muralitharan's bowling action "diabolical" in a recent book - has not banished this difficult subject. The whole of Australia, or at least that part of it which

takes an interest in cricket, is

talking about it.

SCOREBOARD FROM HOBART

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AUSTRALIA . M E Waugh c Mahanama b Jayasuriya. D S Lenmana G-Jayawardana 51
S Lee o Chandena b Museltharan 18
S R Waugh c Jayawardana b Jayawardana b Jayawardana 20
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SRI LANKA ST Jayasuniya rum out † R S Kalumithasana Dar b Dale :

The whispering has not stopped since the Sri Lankans arrived in this country. Some umpires are believed to side with Hair, so it would be something short of a sensation. though still an extraordinary event, if Muralitharan were called on Saturday. Peter van der Merwe, the match referee, will have to mention his abnormal action in his report at the end of the tournament and the International Cricket Council will once again be presented with evidence requiring

some form of judgment. Muralitharan is thoroughly fed up with the whole business. As soon as he came on to bowl in the first match in Brisbane, spectators called "no ball" and the jeering has not stopped. Arjuna Ranatunga, the captain, feels that his bowler may not want to tour Australia again.

"It's so unfortunate that a brilliant bowler who has taken 200 wickets, every time he goes into the field he has this problem". Ranatunga said. Ultimately, what will happen is that people like Murali will never tour Australia. The younger generation will never



Jayasuriya and Mahanama celebrate after they had combined to end the finnings of Mark Waugh for 65

be able to see him bowling. What if we do the same thing when some brilliant cricketer comes to Colombo - if he was hooted from the day he started bowling? It's not the right thing for a sportsman. Why is it only happening here? I'm really disappointed with the public this time.

When we came last time, the public backed us and the media backed us. This time, it

is different. I don't know what it is or where it comes from. where. Murali has played for eight years and only once had a problem. That was here. If someone is having a problem, then the first thing they have to do is come to the captain and the manager. No one has spoken to me about it anywhere. No one has spoken to

# Rain puts A tour on hold India omit opener Sidhu

ENGLAND A were forced to abandon their scheduled fourday match against Mashonaland and hope instead that the rain eases sufficiently to play two limited-overs matches against the province today and tomorrow.

For the second day running, the players arrived at the Old Hararians ground in the morning only to find that the bowlers' run-ups and parts of the square were too wet to risk playing on. Protec-tive covers had leaked on the first day and efforts to find an alternative venue failed once it had become clear that most other grounds in Harare were suffering similar problems.

FROM THRASY PETROPOLLOS IN HABARE

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-25, 3-118, 4-138, 5-153, 5-185, 7-196, 8-198, 9-206.

Hopes are high that the one-day matches will go ahead, but there are questions being asked about the suitability of touring here during the rainy season, although few could have predicted the 44in that have fallen since mid-November. The yearly aver-

age is about 35m. Phil Neale, the tour manager, said: There is a reasonable chance that it will rain here at this time of year. I was: not involved with why it was decided to come at this time. There were fingers crossed that it wasn't going to rain,

but everybody is saying that this is exceptional."

However, there was a time when the very idea of an A tour this winter was doubtful. initially, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) had looked at visiting South Africa with a shorter, final leg in Zimbabwe. With South Africa unable to host the requested tour, Zimbahwe were quick to seize the opportunity. Short of cricket, the players have not been slow in seeking alternative entertainment. Nevertheless; they will be hoping that the golf, go-karting Laser Wars and such like will be substituted by cricket today:

INDIA will begin the first home series against Pakistan for 12 years with a new opening partnership after dropping Naviot Sidhu and Ajay Jadeja from the side that lost to New Zealand last month. If the omission of Jadeja, the former vice-captain, from the 14-man squad announced yesterday was expected, that of Sidhu was a considerable surprise. In 51 Test matches stretching

back to 1983, Sidhu has scored 3,202 runs at an average of 42.13. A barren series against New Zealand, in which he totalled just 48 runs from four innings, was his first failure for some time. He still averages almost 50 over the past two By RICHARD HOBSON

years, but, at 35, he may find that his career at the highest level is over as the selectors bring in younger players.
The likelihood is that Nayan

Mongia, the wicketkeeper, will move up the order to open with Sadagopan Ramesh, a new cap, in the first of the twomatch Test series, which will begin amid high security in Madras next Thursday. Laxmi Ratan Shukla, an all-rounder, could be another to play his first game.

Pakistan arrived in Delhi yesterday as members of Shiv Sena, a militant Hindu organisation, called off plans to dis-

\*\* \* Worth Duyles |

rupt the tou after a meeting with offficials of the India Government. It says much for the importance of the weeks ahead that the Pakistan team is being managed by Shahrayar Khan, a former foreign secretary. ☐ Vic Brownett resigned as chairman of Derbyshire yester-

day after failing to find a solution to the continuing dispute between Dominic Cork, the captain, who is intent on leaving the County Ground, and Harold Rhodes. a committee member.

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HOCKEY

#### Southgate Slough set face trial of strength triple goal

er, who was playing a couple of groups ahead of Els, said.

Again and again, he saved himself with his magical short

game. Four times on his home-

ward half alone, he rescued

his par. He described his

at 12.20pm, ten minutes ahead

of Anthony Wall, went round

in 69, which was notable be-

cause he was one of very few to

score well so late in the day

and because he had a hole in

one on the 7th. Wall's scores

for the 12th, 13th and 14th were

6.1,6 — against a par of 5.3,5.

this afternoon," Els said. "You

never know in the Cape. It

might rain tomorrow."

early start.

"It was a different course

That is not very likely. The

forecast is for more scorching

heat, with temperatures reaching 40°C. The day could again

belong to those who have an

Paul McGinley, who started

round as a battle.

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

SOUTHGATE will entertain Hourislow, their traditional rivals, when the National League restarts on Sunday after the winter break. The clubs meet again at the same venue in the sixth round of the English Hockey Association (EHA) Men's Cup on Febru-

Hounslow, third from the bottom in the premier division, face a daunting task, but their opponents, holding third position, will have to draw heavily on reserve strength with Giles, Livesey, Sully and Simons all unfit, although Simons is expected to be on the bench. At centre half. Max Diamond, the Australia international, will be a source of inspiration to the three frontrunners, Eiko Rott, Duncan Woods and Danny Kerry. Canterbury, the league lead-

ers, and Beeston meet for the first time this season at the Polo Farm, where Sean Kerly, the player-manager, and David Mathews will again be out of action. "Beeston are a tenacious team and we are wary of them," Kerly said. He made particular reference to Craig Keegan, the Beeston midfield player, who has scored 14 goals in ten matches. Cannock, in second place.

are at full strength, with the recovery of Kalbir Takher from injury, against Guild-ford, who field Mark Hoskin, from Reading, and Richard Arscott, from Hampstead. their new signings. Victory in a triangular tournament at Havant has boosted their confidence.

Reading play their post-poned EHA Cup fifth-round tic tomorrow at home against Loughborough Students, for which Simon Mason, their goalkeeper, is unavailable, but he will join them for the trip to Bournville on Sunday for a league match. Brooklands, at the bottom of the table, need a win away to East Grinstead to have any chance

# sights on

BY CATHY HARRIS

SLOUGH have spent several weeks tinkering with line-ups and tactics, but the serious stuff begins tomorrow, when the English indoor club champions meet Paris in their opening game of the inaugural Perth world cities championship at the Bell's Sports Centre.

It is the start of a busy month for Slough, who have made no secret of their desire to win a medal in Perth, retain their domestic title at Crystal Palace next week and end the European club championship in Glasgow in February.

Andy Halliday, the new Slough coach this season, has enjoyed his association with such a talented group of players. He will also be keeping his fingers crossed that Sue Knight, the first-choice goalkeeper, does not suffer any injuries after Lynnette Smith, the reserve goalkeeper, was forced to pull out of the compe-

tition for financial reasons. Facing the prospect of six games in two days, Halliday believes that the event will give his squad an excellent indication of what progress they have made. "It will be a measure of where we are, as well as being a good dress rehearsal for next week," he said. "I'm very hap-py with the defensive side of our game, but we need to make better use of our possession

and try to be more incisive." England Under-21, representing Manchester in the tournament, are using it to prepare for the European Nations Cup in Prague next week, but with students making up the majority of the side. Pete Nicholson, the coach, has found it difficult to juggle practices with exam schedules. He said: "At least we'll be able to benefit from some good competition and give all the players pitch time without worrying

too much about results."

#### TENNIS: BRITON'S FAMED SERVICE POWER HOLDS NO TERRORS FOR YOUNG AMERICAN

# Qualifier floors Rusedski

TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

IT IS back to the drawing board for Greg Rusedski. Great Britain's adopted son closed 1998 with the best sequence on the ATP Tour, but has opened 1999 with one of the worst. His defeat yesterday by Paul Goldstein, a qualifier from the United States. leaves him with one victory from his four matches this

Goldstein, who is ranked No 187 in the world, was playing only his tenth match on the main tour here at the Australian Open, yet his dipping returns, allied to his bing passes, made Rusedski appear to be the novice. The Briton, who was seeded No 8, looked bemused as Goldstein chipped away at his confidence. The way Goldstein that rolled his wrists made his backhand passes unreadable - so much so, in fact, that Rusedski could be said to have been beaten comprehensively by the time that he graciously congratulated Goldstein, winner by 6-4, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2 in one minute short of three hours.

The American, who left Stanford University, in California. in July, showed a spirit that is normally abundant in the Briton as he ran down balls that Rusedski had counted as winners. Indeed, when Goldstein lunged, for the third time in one rally, to retrieve a Rusedski overhead at 3-1 and 30-30 in the fourth set, the Briton barely blinked when pushing an easy voiley beyond the baseline. Rusedski by now was a spent force, his service a shadow of the one that has intimidated so many of Goldstein's ranking.

Rusedskí has never played well in the Australian Open. He dislikes the combination of heat, swirling breezes and the shortage of preparation time after the December recess. For all that, he would have sent Goldstein packing if he had been anywhere near his best.

"I am obviously very disappointed, more so than after losing in Stockholm [and so just failing to make the eight-man world championships field in Novembert," Rusedski said. "I have no excuses. Hats off to him. He was probably the best returner of serve that I have

In addition to his faltering service, Rusedski's groundparticularly his backhand, which deteriorated as the match progressed. Yet what made this such an abject defeat was that it evolved from an excellent start. He fashioned two points for a 4-0 lead and wasted both with wildly flailing forehands. In addition, he required eight set points before finally nailing the second set in a tie-break



Rusedski is unable to disguise his disappointment after losing a service game against the unheralded Goldstein

that had been fraught with tension. Rusedski's constant fidgeting betrayed the state of his some exquisite Goldstein passes and there was to be no

redemption. Rusedski now heads to Dubai next month before playing indoor events in Europe. He has some significant ranking points to defend in the next two months and a return to form is essential if he is to maintain his place in the world's too ten. Sven Groen-

of picking him up.
"Greg is down but not out." great belief in his ability; now,

the challenge is to get him back in a winning mood." One who appears to exude those qualities is Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the No 10 seed. who overcame a tough hurdle in the form of Jason Stoltenberg, of Australia, in four tight sets. Kafelnikov, of Russia, admits that he lacked motiva-

eveld, his coach, has the task French Open champion, who plays Jim Courier in the third round, looks a prime candi-

Among bookmakers, Kafelnikov is quoted below Andre Agassi, for whom it was business as usual, the American overwhelming Slava Dosedal, of the Czech Republic, in three sets. Lleyton Hewitt, the Australian teenage prospect, met his match in Tommy Haas, of Germany, who prevailed in four sets.

The Petr Korda saga rum-

champion was barracked by a handful of spectators as he routed Julian Alonso. Spain, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1. One was heard to call "cheat" at the player who escaped a ban after testing positive for steroids at Wirnbledon. "Some of the fans were using insulting words," Korda said. "I just don't want to talk about it." The latest instalment in the

bles on. The defending men's

bid by the International Tennis Federation (TTF) to impose a one-year ban on Korda reaches the High Court in London next week, when Korda's lawyers will challenge the ITF's right to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Switzerland.

Rusedski, the sole men's seed to perish yesterday, was followed out of the tournament by Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, the women's No 4 seed. Sanchez Vicario lost heavily to Barbara Schett,

She was unhappy that the match was switched, at short notice, away from Centre Court, but Schett, after her win in Sydney, was entitled to

of Austria, for the second time

#### RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

DOUBLES: First round: D Petronc and G Stock (Aux) bt M Bartstri (II) and D Bowen (US) 6-7, 5-2, 6-3, J Petmar and J Tarango

(US) bi J Holmes and T Landwin (Aus) 6-3, 6-3, N Kulb and M Tilestrom (Swe) bi J Gamelstob and B MacPhe (US) 6-4, 7-5, B Black (Zm) and W Berners (SA) bi M Kei (US) and J Knippschild (Ker) 7-5, 6-1; P Galbraith (US) and P Haarhus (Heil) bi P Kildery (Aus) and K Kimper (US) 8-1, 6-3, J Bjorkmen (Swe) and P Rether (Aus) bi N Goowin and M Ondrusics (SA) 6-2, 2-8 Haygarth (SA) and T J Middleton (US) bi D del Rio and M Puesta (Arg) 6-4, 6-7, 15-13, G Kusten (Bs) and N Loenti (Ec) bi P Norwell and K Ullyet (SA) 6-4, 2-6, 8-8, M Bhupathir and L Paes (India) bi E Kempes and P Wessels (Holl) 6-4, 8-2, W Black (Zm) and S Stolle (Aus) bi T Allichial and A Paintiar (Aus) 5-7, 7-5, T i Woodbondge and M Woodborde (Aus) bi D Pessearu (Rom) and N Zimonic (Yug) 3-6, 6-3, 9-7

WOMEN

Spi 6-2.8-3; M Hingis (Switz) bit E Demembers (Russ) 6-3, 6-2, M Seles (US) bit A Dechaums-Ballerst (Fr) 6-1, 6-4; S Williams (US) bit M Seria (Sp) 6-1, 6-3; M J Fernández (US) bit A Ferzier (US) 4-6, 7-2, 6-3, R Grande (I) bit U Fang (Chard) 6-2, 6-4; S-3 Graf (Ger) bit B Schweitz (Austria) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, J Dolec (Aug) bit K Brandi (US) 6-4, 7-6, 6-4, 10-8; M Pierce (Fr) bit A Kremer (Lin) 6-2, 6-1, J Lee (Timwen) bit S Peerwes (US) 7-5, 6-1, A Glass (Gar) bit T Parova (Russ) 7-6, 6-7, 7-5, A Contere (SA) bit J Heierd-Decugis (Fr) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, S Testud (Fr) bit E Califors (Ball 6-3, 6-1)

tion in 1998. Now, the former

tot is Calestas (sea) 6-3, 6-1.

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and I. Wild (US) 2-6. 6-1. 6-2. K Hedishave.
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and E Wagner (Gar) 6-4. 6-3. S and V Wislams (US) bit C Barday and K-A Guse (Aus)
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Revers (US) and T Transsigner (Pro) 6-3.
6-7. 6-3. K Boogest (H-D) and A-G Sidot (Fr)
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6-7. 6-2. A Carlsson (Swe) and J Doldo
(Aus) bit C Martinez (Sp) and P Tasabrit
Aug) 1-6. 8-3. 6-3. F. Raymond (US) and R
Stubbe (Aus) bit S Cade (US) and S Jepssessen (Ca) 7-5. 6-1. (Novetta C2) and M
Seles (US) bit L Hom (SA) and K Nochwendt
(Aus) 6-3. 6-2.

package was considerably more than he earned throughout last season.

"I composed myself like a to-tal idiot," he said. "Instead of calming myself down on the pink and trying to think properly. I didn't make my mind up as to how I should play it. That's why I left myself with a tougher black than I should have. After the black had travelled about a foot, I knew it

at the Crucible itself. Anyone who misses the black on 140 at Sheffield in April will deprive themselves of £167,000.

Mark Williams, the Benson and Hedges Masters champion, won two of the closing three frames and Matthew Ste vens also aided a spirited lightback as Wales recovered from a 3-5 deficit to defeat Northern Ireland 6-5 in the Nations Cup at Newcastle yesterday. Williams laid a snooker on the yellow in the deciding frame against Joe Swail and later desired to the pink to give Wales their second victory in three matches. Success against England tomorrow will earn a place in the final on Sunday.

was heading for the jaw and I felt terrible." At least Hull had the small consolation of knowing that he would have felt rather worse had the error been committed

#### TELEVISION CHOICE

# A fly-on-the-runway series

TV: 8.00pm

Call them docusoaps if you must but the new docu-mentaries, just like the old, depend on ordinary people being simultaneously themselves and what-ever they integene the camera requires. So this episode begins with old ladies getting confused at the airport, one of them emerging as "A Character" as the grows to like the anemion. The whole series its stiffer in entirement for the strend share. One institutes its enistence for her strand alone. One man, who has missed the last call to his flight, blames the airline and increasingly high on his own performance, soon has built his anger into a veritable aria. Meanwhile, behind the absurd uniform the easylet staff are obliged to wear individuals improvise as best they can, easier with the camera than the passing passengers. There's some electrifying gossip and a hair-down girls' night out when, poignantly, the bride-to-be who is battling cancer gives her all to I Will Survive.

#### **Garden Stories** BBC2.8.30nm

BBCZ, 8.30m

For a Friday gardening programme, this series is really finely conceived, shot and edited. The third edition, with mole-carching as a running theme, tackles those various foes that bring out the savage in hitherto benign weeders and hoers cats and sings, then and the elements. One run thap, thwarted by winds, has created an ankle-high Versailles in his panch. Another chap keeps his lawn immaculate with CCTV and water sprays triggered by invaders. As he propounds his methodology, his two daughters sit behind, patently bored to tears. These participants sportingly allow the producers. Belinda Cherrington and Gregor Cameron, to mock them in a gentle and Gregor Cameron, to mock them in a gentle way that makes all of us — creators, participants and viewers — complicit.

#### Prasier: Dial M for Martin Channel 4, 10.00pm

This week a potentially far-reaching scenario is essayed: Should Dad (Martin) move in with Niles? And will Daphne go too? This is the kind of shake to the equilibrium that Galton and Simpson used to propose every so often to keep Steptoe and Son up to speed. And of course it works because it



Jim Broadbent, the writer and star of Big Day, part of The Talent (BBC2, 11.45pm)

serves to underline the familiar ingredients that serves to undertine the familiar ingrements that keep you waiching a long running show. So we begin with Frasier and Martin having the kind of rolling row all relatives and home-sharers indulge in on a regular basis, wherein far harsher words are let fly than the pretext justifies. As ever the women are fundamentally peripheral, shoe-horned in to feed the men their lines.

#### BBC2, 11.45pm

Three new shorts this week, none getting fully to grips with this elusive form of film-making. Brian Ross's Spining Distance is a rambling and ultimately deeply depressing tale of a Scottish artist and apparent netec-do-well, his girlinend who hankers to become a rubblican in Reading and his and apparent neter do well, his girlinend who hankers to become a publican in Reading and his Grandad, a sly, emphysema-ridden old parry in a wheelchair. The piece greatly benefits from having Tom Bell in this last role. Jumperst, directed by Konrad Jay and written by Colin Bateman, is a shaggy dog story of ill luck wherein four men and a large tetrly bear come to be gathered on the ledge of a building. The film's structure veers to the chaotic and the humour is forced. The cast includes the ubiquitous James Nesbitt. Big Day, directed by Tom Cairns, relates an intriguing but filmsy anecdote about an Englishman who learns from being tumbled in a Latin country. Jum Broadbent wrote himself the lead.

W. Stephen Gilbert

Michael Freedland's series about 60 years of the

British film industry has been informative and entertaining and communes tonight with a

programme about the contribution of the Rank Organisation, whose muscle-bound figure striking a huse gong is one of the abiding images from my early days in the front stalls. Rank made most of the British classics from the 1940s and 1950s at

Elstree and Finewood, where everyone from Bogarde in the Doctor films to Olivier in Henry V

helped give Brimin a presence in the world of film, affect a somewhar restricted, nationalistic one. Among the interviewees tonight are Dora Bryan, talking about her movie break and Gregory Peck.

BBC WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

6.00cm Easier Breaklest. Music to get the day off to a fine start.

#### RADIO CHOICE

A Very British Story

who filmed at Elstree.

Radio 2, 7.00pm

Radio 4, 11.00am No, not the comedians, although the victims of the essentially trapic situation recounted here have found something to be cheerful about through their adversity. Kerry Lawrence and Tina Little spent a weekend together recently and this programme is the record of that meeting, the culmination of a long relationship as pen friends during which each has been able to help the other's during which each has been able to help me others attempts to regain good health. Kerry and Tina are mirror images: Kerry an anorenc whose weight fell to five stones. Tina weighing nearly four times that amount through over-eating. They encountered each other through the Eating Disorders Club and soon discovered that they have similar emotional problems.

#### **RADIO 1 (B8C)**

5.30mm Zoe Bell 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00mm Kevin Greening 2.00 Mark Racicille 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbest 6.00 Pate Tong's Essential Selection 9.00 Judge Jules 11.00 Westwood: Radio 1 Rep Show 2.00mm Fabio and Groovender

#### RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00am Sarah Kannady 7.90 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Kan Buus 12.00pm Jimmy Young 2.00 Ed Stawart 5.08-De Lynam 7.00 A Vary British Story. See Choice (3/4) 7.30 Friday Night is Nusic Night 9.15 Frankonstale (2/5) 9.30 Listes to the Band-10.00 Devid Jacobs 10.30 Sheridan Morley 12.00pm, Dyrin Parsons 4.00 Lata Sherma.

#### RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00mm Morning Reports 6.00 Breeldast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00pts The Midday News with Allan Robb 1.90 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive with Peter Allen and Jaine Garvey 7.00 News. Bitts 7.30 Alan Green's Sportsnight, Alan Green and studio guests debate the week's sporting action and look chead to the weekand 10.00 Late Night Live with Brien Hayes 1.00am. Up All Night with Richard Dallyn

6.30em Chris Evans 9.30 Mark Forrest 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Harriet Scott 7.00 Wheels of Steel 11.00 Janey Lee Grace

TALK RADIO 6.00em David Banks and Nick Feman 9.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anne Raebum 3.00 OKI to Talk 5.00 The Sports 2 8.00 Jeckie Mason: Live from New York 10.00 Dave Barr Phone-In with the Midnight Psychic 1.00em Mike Dickin

6.00arz Om Air with Petroc Treiswny. Includes Mozart (Moin Concerto No 2 in D, K211); Schubert (Impromptu in A flat, DBS9 No 4)

9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday. Includes Litoff (Scherzo from Op 102); Egar (Felstatt); Beethoven (Piano Sonala in G, Oo 79); Weald (Violin Concerto in G minor, Op 8 No 2, Summer; Four Seasons); Telemann (Magnificet in C)

10.30 Artist of the Weelc Marting Home.

11.00 Sound Stories: Fairy Tales Pegy Reynolds introduces music inspired by the story of Scheherzade.

12.00pm Composer of the Weelc Purcell

1.00 The Radie 3 Lunchtime Concert David Titleringon, professor of organ studies at the Royal Academy of Music, teams up with the Swedish tromboniet Christian Lindberg for a duel rectal at St Marylebone Church, London

2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Scottish Symphony. Orchestra under Jurjen Hempel, Jegn-Yves Ossonce, Atun Francis and Osmo Versica, Marco Rizzi, violin, Rosemary Etiot, flute

4.00 Music Restored Lucie Steeping Introduces a selection of music from Spain (f)

4.45 Music Marchine Verity Sharp talks to the pianist. Julian Joseph (f)

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Lipidates and travel name 6-30 Newsright. Top stories and interviews with guests from the ents world 7.00 Smooth Classics at Saven. John Brunning introduces classic sounds 9.00 Evening Coocert. Wagner (Slegfried Idyli), Holet (The Planets); Walton, (in Honour of the City of London); Respight (Avetusa) 11.00 Menn at Night, Music through the wee small hours 2.00em Concerto. Monn (Cello Concerto in Girmon) (r) 3.00 Ment Griffiths, The Early Breakfest Show

5.00 in Tunie Seen Rafferty talks to the conductor liven
Fischer as he brings the Budapest Festival
Orchestra to London
7.45 Performence on 3 Live from Greyfrians Kirk,
Edinburgh, Introduced by Geoffrey Baskerville,
BBC Scottish Symphony under Yoav Talmi, Haydin
(Symphony No 45 in F steep minor, Ferswell) 8.15
News from North Brizain: Hiyetic Lotus, by Elen
Galford, Read by Maureen Beattle 8.35 Concert,
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Romanist):
9.45 Postscript: The Monet Market With excerpts
from Monet's letters read by Paul Scofield (5/5)
10.00 Hear and Now Verity Sharp presents highlights
from the Park Lane Group's annual series of

Concerts
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New Year's Honours List causes a star, prompting Lottle and Emmeline to take matters into their own

7.00 The Archers
7.15 Front Row Mark Lawson presents the nightly arts

Programme 7.45 Lady Sustan Broadcast earlier within Woman's

7.45 Lady Susan croedcast celler will in transition of Hour (f)
8.00 Any Questione? Jackle Ballard MP, the Education and Employment Secretary David Blurkett and the author and Times columnist Will Self join Jonathan Dimbleby in Maitock,

Derbyshire

8.45 Letter from America Alistar Cooke with another slice of life Stateside

hands, Arise, Sir Boggyl (3/6) 7.00 The Archers

# 4.00 Open Book Irish novelist and playwright Joseph O'Connor explores the art of writing dialogue (r) 4.30 The Message Alex Brodie and his guests discuss ourent model transis 5.00 PM with Clare Brodies and Eddle Mair 6.00 Sbt. O'Clock News 6.30 This Ghost of Number Ten The Prime Minister's 6.30 This Ghost of Number Ten The Prime Minister's 6.30 This Ghost of Number List causes a str. Incompling

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Ferming Today Charlotte Smith presents 6.00 Today Introduced by John Humphrys and Sue MacGregor, Including Thought for the Day with Indigit Singh 8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parliament Round-up of

developments

9.00 Desert Island Dises The wicklife artist David
Shecherd chooses eight records to take to the
mymicst island (t)

9.45 (FM) Sertet Iris John Bayley recalls the later
years of its wife, the movelet his Mundoch

9.45 (LW) An Act of Worsting

10.00 Woman's Hour with Jerni Munray

11.00 Little and Large Two members of the Eating
Disorders Club spend & weekend together. See
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present consumer lesues.

1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarks

1.30 Puzzle Panol New series. Chris Mastanks
presents riddles and brain-lessers.

2.00 The Archers Another chance to hear yesterday's

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2.15 Afternoon Play: Spiritin Gautier's chostly nomerce set in 18th century Paris. Steming Kelly Cavaragh and Richard Heap (f)
3.00 Logged On Quentin Cooper and gueste assess educational software.
3.30 The Valle A low's luture hangs in the balance at the Eventuam wildlife charity rescue centre (4/6) (r)
3.45 This Sceptrad tella The history of Britain, namated by Anna Massey (r)

sice of life Stateside

9.00 The Friday Ptay: 625Y Wally K Daly's play about
a research scientist who discovers the gene which
determines a person's natural lifespan. With
Armanda Root and Geoffrey Whiterlead

10.00 The World Tonight Robin-Lustig presents

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Neara Final part of Ernie Zole's
novel; read by Juliet Stevenson

11.00 Late Night on 4: Lete Tackte Sporting
conversation, with Eleanor Oldroyd

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12.00em News 12.30 The Late Book: Last Resort by Allson Lute. Read by Kate Harper (10/16)
12.48 Shapping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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#### Finn suffers maximum heartbreak

Phil Yates sees a snooker player feeling browned-off,

ROBIN HULL will not require an in-flight movie to to his native Finland after the completion of the Embassy world championship qualifying competition at Blackpool. He will be replaying mentally the most expensive mistake of his career.

Hull, a former world junior champion from Helsinki, gained an unwanted distinction yesterday when he became the first player to miss the final black in a professional event with a maximum

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of the Huguenots to sing in French."

c) A stream (of water or other liquid). The Gaelic word. James

Joyce, Ulysses, 1922: "Sending me that long strool of a song out

(a) A seal. The eponym of James Weddell (1787-1834), Scottish

navigator, used attributively or in the possessive. Weddell's

seal, to designate a large brown Antarctic seal. Leptonychotes weddellii, first recorded by him and named after him in 1826.

(a) The name (formerly proprietary) for a variety of water-proofed leather used especially for the uppers of climbing boots.

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(b) A breeding colony of shags. The New Zealand word.

STROOL

WEDDELL

blue, pink with embarrassment and in a black mood break available. The financial implications alone were sufficient to leave Hull in the midst

of a deep depression, even though he whitewashed Tom Finstad, of Canada, 10-0 to move within three more victories of becoming his country's pioneering representative at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, home of the final stages. When Hull, who had com-

piled five century breaks in earlier rounds, showed deft positional skills to pot 15 reds with 15 blacks and the colours from yellow to pink, he looked set to emulate Cliff Thorburn, Jimmy White, Stephen Hendry and Ronnie O'Sullivan by constructing a run of 147 in the

world championship. Previously, Joe Johnson had slipped up closest to a maximum, when, during a losing effort against White in the semi-finals of the 1987 United Kingdom championship, he failed to pot a fairly straightfor-

ward pink off its spot. The first sign that Hull was under pressure came when he requested Jan Verhaas, the referee, to clean the cue-ball. This task completed, Hull, who admitted later that his heart was pounding, attempted a half-ball cut on the black that was worth £7,000 and immeasura-

Having struck the white. Hull watched as the black shaved the jaws of the top pocket that it was intended to find and remained, agonisingly, on the table. In fact, it came so L Rxf7! forces a quick mate, eg. L ... Kxf7; 2, Qe6+ Kf8; 3, Rf1+. | near to dropping that some

members of the crowd began Hull stood to collect the

£2,000 highest pre-televised break prize, which is held by Barry Pinches, of Norwich, with 143. In addition, he would have received the £5,000 award that goes to anyone who records a 147 during the qualifying phase of a worldranking tournament. The total





# Snippets and snips of carefully cut reality

Norwegian vet Trude Mostue meets Thomas, a canary with an infected toe. She decides to amputate and fetches her surgical nail-clippers. Zot. Over in Taumton, Tracey Bristow. a snack-stall proprietor, has rejoined the local health club for the fourth time. Will she be able to

stick to the regime this time? Whoosh. On a farm near Carmarthen, there's a cow with a lacerated udder. Keith Leonard must attempt his first blood transfusion. We'll stay with that story for a good 30 seconds before - zap. - it's over to Sean in Glasgow, who is just mounting the scales at the slimming club. He's lost two pounds, despite his secret choco-

late biscuit binges!
On Fat Files (BBCI), they separate the tiny item fragments with a fuzzy screen and electronic interference sound-effect. Don't bother to flip channels, this tells

us. we're doing it for you. They don't employ this device on Vets in Practice (BBCl), but the morsels are equally bite-size.

Granada's recently leaked puch for a major new TTV current affairs slot proposes to chop the programmes into short, attentiongrabbing segments. Apparently this will capture the "zeitgeist". Zeitgeist", by the way, is German for "having a minute attention span". If Granada hopes to poach viewers from programmes such as Fat Files or Vets in Practice, its Burning Topical Issue McDippers

will have to be very short indeed. Both programmes are harmless.

They offer mildly interesting episodes from the lives of ordinary people. Breaking the stories into teensy pieces and jumbling them up lends a spurious sense of urgency, suggesting that events are occurring simultaneously when they obviously aren't. In the can of mixed veg that is modern factual.

television, you hardly notice the boring old turnip-like stories because they are diced up with the bright, dramatic carroty ones and the sweet little peas.

ets in Practice was subtitled Bonnie and Clyde. Fortunately the animals in this instalment were not riddled with Tommy gun bullets, but some of the injuries were gory enough to make a hard-bitten film fan queasy. I began to feel like the squeamish zookeeper in The Fast Show, who can't touch a gate because it has got carnel spit on it. If cuddly Rolf Harris's Animal Hospital makes you go "Aagh!". this programme elicits more of an "Uurgh!

The vets themselves are very decorative, but that merely heightens the contrast with their patients. Cute little Clyde, for instance, had been hit by a bus. His tiny feline jaw was a mangled mess, his eyes REVIEW



Paul Hoggart

bashed to bits and his leg smashed Pretty blonde Fiona per-formed what looked like a superb piece of reconstructive surgery, suching, wiring and pinning his leg with a sort of double-ended lollipop (that's a thousand quid to you, and I'm robbing meself) Pretty blonde Trude only had to deal with Bonnie's unsavoury

canine skin condition, until

Thomas arrived. Then she clipped

off the canary's toe, on camera. I am still shuddering. The tone of the programme is

gently upbeat. Upbeat is flavour of the month, But nasty old reality keeps intruding. Over on the farm, pretty, dark-haired Keith had to improvise, collecting cow blood in an insecucide spray pump. Blood transfusions for cows are tricky operations, which carry serious risks. "See it. Do it. Teach it." Keith reflected. He was at stage two. The cow died. Maybe he should leave stage three for now.

But the sad death of the cow was as nothing compared with what Fat Files held in store. The programme has been following the progress of five unusually overweight people as they struggle to diet. It is not an advice programme, and there is no aim to analyse as in Horizon's harrowing Living on Air (BBC2), on the effects of eating disorders

The tone aims to be positive and

able, except that gross obesity can be a serious emotional as well as physical problem. Snackbar Tracey and Glaswegian Sean are doing just fine. Tracey comes from a family of caterers, but thinks you make spaghetti bolognese by stirring tomato ketchup into mince. She also feeds her daughter Casey "half a packet of biscuits, Milky Ways and crisps" for breakfast, an offence to make you think about

B ut Terri Vickery, who is losing weight rapidly, feels that her whole life is changing. The diet is clearly affecting her sense of her own identity in a major way and she looks, frankly, a little unstable. I have no idea what the rest of the series has in store for her, but it looks as if everything could go horribly wrong.

reintroducing the death penalty.

And then there is Mervyn. strangely absent from the pre-pubsurgery to reduce the size of his stomach. He died six days after the operation. His wife agreed that the material could be used, perhaps as a sort of tribute. At the end of this glib, bitty programme, it wasn't the sort of memorial I would want. Dispatches (Channel 4) went to

Kosovo. It had permission to accompany an independent team led by a Finnish forensic expert. Professor Helena Ranta, investigating two small massacres. One was allegedly carried out by Serbs on Albanians, the other vice versa.

The programme was superseded by the discovery of the atrocity at Racak, and the commentary had to be amended at the last minute. It is extremely timely. Professor Ranta's team has been asked to return to investigate Racak, and the programme illustrates the shameless cunning and sheer persistence of the official obstruction it will face.

6.00am Business Breakfast (52990) 7.00 Breakfast News (T) (12349)

9.00 Kilroy (T) (8309613) 9.45 The Vanessa Show. (T) (5845483) 10.55 News; Weather (T) (7711377) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (7628613)

11.55 News; Weather (T) (1924209) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (76358) 12.30 Battersea Dogs' Home (93272) 1.00 One O'Clock News (1) (62826) 1.30 Regional News; Weather (86332613) 1.40 Neighbours (1) (65192629)

2.05 fronside The chief investigates an alleged suicide, but soon discovers there's more to the case than meets the eye (r) (7478803)

2.55 Going for a Song (8370358) 3.20 The Weather Show (1) (2701209):

3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (3379378) 3.45 Spider (9896209) 3.50 Smart on the Road (8132071) 4.05 Rugrets (9295071) 4.30 L & K Friday (1438174) 4.55 Newslound Edra (1839919) 5.10 Blue Peter (6314629)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (802174) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (1) (551)
6.30 Regional News Magazine (803)
7.00 Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook Carol Smillie and Andy Kane attempt to create a meal against the clock using mystery (cook using mystery (2) (2703)

ingredients (1) (2700) 7.36 Top of the Pops Performances by 911, Another Level, All Seeing 1, 3 Colours Red, Juliet Roberts, Bryan Adams and Mel C and Blockster (7) (777)

8.00 Vets in Practice Sam pulls out at the stops to save a horse with a pos fatal condition, while Emma is called out to assist an epileptic dog (I) (1648)



The Welsh sprinter Colin Jackson ioins the sporting quiz (8.30pm)

8.30 A Question of Sport With guests Tim Henman, Laura Davies, Rio Ferdinand and Cofin Jackson (1) (3483) 9,00 Hine O'Clock News; Fiegloral News; Weather (T) (8919)

9.30 Perkinson Guests include Caroline Aheme Prince Nessem Hamed and Gary Barlow (1) (595532) Barrow (T) (595532)
10.25 Pottergelat (1982) A family's home is invaded by spooks who gain access through the TV set. Supernatural chiller, starring JoBeth Williams, Craig T Netson and Reither O'Rourke, Directed by Tobe

Hooper (T) (878613) 12.10am The Stand-Up Show Cornedy series, hosted by Ardal O'Hanlon (5625965) 12.40 The Big End (1) (5661255).

1.10 The Unnernable Returns (1992) An occur expert teams up with a professor to track down the supernatural killer of four students. Homor sequel, starring David Warner. Directed by John Paul Ouellette (T) (919946)

2.50 Weather (4492897) · 2.55 BBC News 24 (82083236)

BBC2 7.00am Children's BBC Breekfast Show.

Hairy Jeremy (2695731) 7.05 Telejubbles (2747648) 7.30 Secret Squirel and Co (\$619280) 7.55 Short Change (2033822) 8.18 Rewind (\$412280) 8.20 Taz-Mania (9590708) 8.40 Polica Dot Shorts (8442483) 8.50 Johnson and Friends (3948667) 9.00-Storyime (7875638) 9.10 See You, See Ms. (6284803) 9.30 Numbertime (8057735) 9.45 Come Outside (8045990) 10.00 Telenibles Cursole (804599) 10.00 Islandojes (89629) 10.30 Megamaths (3903358) 10.50 Look and Read (3916822) 11.10 Landmarks (1262822) 11.30 English File (3714) 12.00pm Scene (94700) 12.30 Working Lunch (93254) 1.00 Johnson and Friends (73463358)

1.10 The Antiques Show (1) (82372822)
1.40 The Arts and Crafts Show (65108822)
2.10 Indoor Bowls and Racing from Ascot
Bowls: early quarter-final action from Greet Yarmouth. Racing: Coverage of the 2.40, 3.10 and 3.40 (49519280)

5.00 Tennis: Australian Open The key action from the fifth day (9613) . 6.00 The Simpsons (†) (T) (579975) 6.20 The Simpsons (†) (T) (936613)

6.45 Robot Wars (1) (805990) 7.15 Electric Circus The latest entertainment news (T) (134193) 7.30 Country House The family are homilied to learn that an illegal rave has been held on part of the estate (T) (629)

8.00 Gerdaning from Scratch Helen Yemm demonstrates how to renovate old demonstrates how to renovate old borders, while Jojo Norris helps Jani and Rob plant their fruit garden (r) (1) (2890)

Garden Stories Advice on dealing with the most common problems gardeners face (1) (1025) 9.00 Gimme Gimme Gimme Tom receives a visit from a suicidal home help and Linda finds romance with a serry motorcycle

9.30 Bang, Bang, It's Reeves and Mortimer The Stats interview model Caprice and a crazed hillfully kidneps a quarter of celebrities (4/5) (1) (29938)

The Young Ones Mike gets hold of an atom bomb (r) (1) (75629) 10.30 Newsinight With Kirsty Wark (T) (431700)



A profile of the Eighties Manchester band the Smiths (11.15pm)

11.15 Young Guns Go for It! The Smiths. Last in series (T) (185648)

11.45 The Talent Short - film showcase introduced by Mark

Lawson (1) (650648)

12.35am Indoor Bowis: World Champion-ship Highlights (7474033)

1.20 Stx Days, Stx Nights (1994) Premiere.

Two sisters lives become fatally entwined despite their best efforts to keep apart. Thrifler, staming Beatrice Daile, Directed by Diane Kurys (283083) 2.55 Weather (4482410) ...

3.00 BBC Learning Zone: GCSE Revision; Geography 1 (70830) 5.00 Close

HTV 5.30em ITN Morning News (80782) 6.00 GMTV (6504938) 9.25 Trisha (T) (3378209)

10.30 This Morning (1) (24945919) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (9162087) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News; Weather (T)

1.00 WEST: Shortland Street Minne issues an ultimatum (93174) 1.00 WALES: Wish You Were Here? Mallorca and St Lucia (r) (T) (93174)

1.30 Snooker: Nations Cup Live coverage of the match between England and the Republic of Ireland (T) (55264551) 3.15 (TN News Headlines (1) (2799464) 3.20 HTV News (1) (2796377)

3.25 CFTV: Mopatop's Shop (2608700) 3.35
Timbuctoo (9885193) 3.40 Animal
Stories (9873358) 3.50 Adam's Family
Tree (8258025) 4.20 Gladiators: Train 2
Win (9292984) 4.50 Top Ten of Everything (9975648)

5.10 A Country Practice (5557826) 5.40 TTN Early Evening News; Weather (T) (433198)

6.00 Home and Away Diana makes big plans for Olivia (1) (935464) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight; Weather (1) (532700)6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (270272)

6.30 WEST: The West Tonight (1) (241) 7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right New series (1) (2416) 7.30 Coronation Street Jack and Vera leave

the Rovers (T) (483) 8.00 Airline Cabin crew trainees learn what it's like to be confronted by terrorists (1) (6716) 8.30 Neighbours from Hell (1) (8551)

9.00 Tilby Trotter Part three of the Catherine Cookson drama, starring Carli Norris, Simon Shepherd and Madelaine Newton (3/4) (1) (7551)

10.00 News at Ten; Weather (1) (95483) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (1) (730613)



Denise Van Outen Johns Ian Wright for a late-night chat (10.40pm)

10.40 Friday Night's All Wright With guests Denise Van Outen and the Fast Show duo Paul Whitehouse and Charle Higson

11.35 Snooker: Nations Cup Highlights of today's two matches (213715) 12.40am WEST: Pirate TV The duo visit Bristol (9/13) (7461588) 12:40 WALES: We Can Work it Out

Consumer magazine (7461588) 1.05 The World is Full of Married Men (1979) Jackie Collins sex romp about an advertising executive's extra-marital escapades. Anthony Francisca, Gareth Hunt and Georgina Hale star. Directed by Robert Young (923149)

2.40 The Haumted Fastrank (/) (9533588)

3.15 Baywatch (r) (1) (4383762) 4.05 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (4072174) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (40830)

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1,00-1,30 Wish You Were Here? (93174) 3.20-3.25 Central News (2796377) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5557826) 8.25-7.00 Central News; Weather (532700) 10.30-10.40 Central News; Weather (730513) 12.40am FILM: Victim of Beauty (581946) 2.15 Box Office America (9602149) 2.40 SeaQuest 2032 (6578149) 3.30 The Haunted Pishtank (24439)

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1.30 Earthscape (86421551) 1.40 Danger Within (1958) British officers detained in a PoW camp discover that their escape plans are threatened by an informer, Richard Todd and Bernard Lee

star. Don Chetley directs (7) (55259629) 3.30 Hampton Court Palace (1) (377) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (984) 4.30 Countdown (T) (1358984) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (4469342)

5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (648) 5.00 TFI Friday Chris Evans is joined by Anthea Turner and Ron Atkinson plus music from Divine Cornedy (43731) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (1) (953713) 7.55 Music of the Millennium Lional Richia

salects his favourite singer (7) (901087) 8.00 The Lost Gardens of Heligan Tim Smit discovers how Victorian gardeners were able to grow gigentic pineapples and other truits (3/5) (r) (T) (4358) 8.30 Brookside (T) (6193)

9.00 Friends Monica decides to spend a cosy Thanksgiving with the gang, but fate pulls the rug from under her (r) (T) (1629) 9.30 Streetmate Davina McCall visits Bristol and Cork (T) (14006)



10.00 GHOICE Presier Martin moves in with Niles as Frasler structules to cope with unemployment (1) (93025) 10.30 Eurotrash (r) (T) (892377)

11,05 King of the Hill Peggy hears shocking news (T) (296209) 11.35 TFI Friday Shown earlier (r) (211358) 12.40am 4 Later Introduction; The Divine David

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1.55 Tessarama (TVM 1955) Strippers, cornectians and dancers strut their stuff in a tale of backstage rivalry Directed by irving Klaw (T) (7998965)
3.15 Snowbound (1948) An acior-turnedsoldier goes undercover in the Alps to trap a gang trying to recover gold bullion stolen by Nazis. Directed by David MacDonald (1) (5978110) 4.40 Dweebs (r) (48617965)

5.05 Pearl dilemma (r) (1478507)

CHANNELS 8.90am 5 News and Sport Headlines (7600193)

7.00 WideWorld Maggie Philbin explores the world of science (r) (T) (9705396) 7.30 Milkshake! (4857759) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r) (9436209)

8.00 Havakazoo (r) (1796700) 8,30 Dappledown Farm (r) (1795071) 9.00 Mixing It (r) (T) (1882551) 9.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (6228445) 10.20 Sunset Beach (T) (2826193) 11.10 Leeza (r) (2713919)

12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (1879087) 12.30 Family Affairs Dave attempts to explain himself to Cat (r) (1) (9645716) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Brooke is

furious with Ridge (T) (9704667) 1.30 The Roseanne Show (9644087) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (6065087)

2.30 Good Afternoon (4257551)
3.30 Just Me and You (TVM 1978) A
mismatched pair of fellow travellers fall
for each other during a trip to California.
Comedy, starring Charles Grodin.
Directed by John Eman (9268342)
5.30 Starcet Beech Street exists (r) (1): 5 5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (1); 5 News Update (6717071)

6.00 100 Per Cent Quiz (5926396) 6.30 Family Affairs Dave and Annie make a pact (T) (5917848) 7.00 5 News; Weather (1) (6069803)

7.30 Wild Flight A study of the hummingbird, using slow-motion photography to capture the beautiful bird in flight (T); 5 News Update (5906532) 8.00 Was It Good for You? Allsa Greenhalph

invites two gay friends, and a couple celebrating their silver wedding anniversary to comment on their holiday In Venice (3/14) (6078551) 8.30 Holiday Park The police have bad news for trate holidaymakers who have collered

a suspected peeping Tom, and EastEnder Carol Hamson, who plays Tittany's mum, visits the park for respite from the trials and tribulations of Albert Square (3/5) (T) (8064358)

Becomes You (TVM 1996) An inquisitive woman investigates the brutal murder of her former stepmother. refusing to believe the police's theory that the shocking crime was a random slaying. Mystery thriller, starring Donna Mills and David Beercroft. Directed by Bill Corcoran (T); 5 News Update (52677984) 10.40 Comedy Store Special The best in stand-up comedy (3131990)

11.15 Devotion (1995) A troubled woman is laken on an erotic journey through her past lives by an Asian mystic. Adult drama, with Jane Daniels. Directed by Rob Spera (5894551)

12.50em Battle Cry (1955) Second World War drama following the fortunes of a group of Marines. Van Heffin, Aldo Ray, Mona Freeman and Nancy Olson star. Directed by Raoul Walsh (39162491)

3.25 Slapstick (1981) A compilation of sturits and mayhem from the golden age of silent comedy. Featuring Chartie Chaptin, Laurel and Hardy, Harold Lloyd and Buster Kealon (57117878)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3669168) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (3306043)

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4.00pm Rex Hunt Pishing Adventures 4:30
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12.00pm Klondke and Snow 1.00 Nature Watch with Julian Petuler 1.30 Australia Wild 2.00 Wild Fascuse 2.30 Human/Nature 3.30 Henry's Practice 4.00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures 4.30 Animal Doctor 5.00 Pet Rescue 5.30 Australia Wild 6.00 The New Advantures of Black Beauty 6.30 Lassie 7.00 Animal Penet Cassics: Lispat in Americica 8.00 Animal Doctor 8.30 Animal X 9.00 Cesan Wilds 8.30 Emergency Vets 10.00 Animal Whitis 9.30 Emergency Vets 10.00 Animal Hospital .10.30 Vet School 11.30 Emergency Vets 12.00am Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 7.00pm Clan of the Crocodile 7.30 Antarctic Challenge 8.00 The Shark Files.

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4.00pm The World at War Home Fires 5.00 Observatories Stonehenge to the Space Telescope 6.00 Losi Civilizations Tibes 7.00 Story of the Gun: Next Generation CARLTON FOOD 9,00cm Food Network Daily 9,30 Food for Thought 10,00 First Tasle 10,30 Words Thompson Cooks 11,00 What's Cooking? 11,30 Couch's Kitchen College 12,00pm Food Network Daily 12,30 Newman Meets of M Cook for Thought 1, 90,60 Hompson

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# Hoddle happy with rising rate of interest

BY MATT DICKINSON

A NEW year and a new sponsor for the England team, but will 1999 offer a bright new start for Glenn Hoddle? The Nationwide Building Society will certainly hope so after staking £15 million on the fate of the England coach and the international team over the

Much as they talked earnestly about supporting the grass roots of the game yesterday, the building society's market-ing men know that it is to the fluctuating fortunes of Hoddle and his team that they have tied their money and, more

signficantly, their reputation. Still, they must be brave gambling men at heart, because they have ignored the recent scandals at the Football Association, which cost Graham Kelly and Keith Wiseman their jobs, England's recent European championship qualifying results and Hoddle's uneasy relationship with the media to stake their

money on long-term success. Those in the commercial depariment at Lancaster Gate can pat themselves on the back for securing almost four times the amount that Green Flag had paid for the same sponsorship privileges, but the new deal also poses one question. If this England team is valued at E15 million over four years, just how much more would a truly successful one

be worth? Perhaps Hoddle will find out in years to come, but first he must face five months that could be defining ones in his reign as England coach. The jury is still out on his credentials as he enters the last 18

months of his contract. With just one victory from ing matches - and that against Luxembourg - games at home to Poland in March and Sweden in June, followed by Bulgaria away will be

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Hoddle announced yester-day that a match had also

been arranged in Hungary for April 28, but first will be France at Wembley on February 10, when a good result will be essential if Hoddle is to build on the positive vibes that were produced by a victory over the Czech Republic in England's last match.

The game against France is almost sold out and Hoddle believes that the rush for rickets is evidence of continued support for his methods from the country, rather than just a desire to see the world champions. "I am not sure there has been any dip in public

Hoddle: positive

confidence." he said yesterday, "and I think a sell-out shows

We are delighted to be playing France and so is the country. That will be a hell of a game with a real edge to it. because the result will be important as well as the performance. A good result then will give us a major lift, confidence-wise. They don't world champions, so couldn't be better."

It is qualfication for the European championship that remains the target, though, and England's campaign has got off to a highly unconvincing start. Two wins at Wembley

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in the next two qualifiers would put a different complexion on the group," the England coach said yesterday. "It is not really a fresh start for us. That is the wrong attitude. We are bang in the middle of the season and the qualifiers and we are focused on what is

The Nationwide must be as confident as Hoddle, because its sponsorship deal is not dependent on England's success in qualifying for the European championship. In paying so much money, how-ever, it is only reasonable that it might expect the England team's image to improve. It will hope the talk at Bisham Abbey press conferences is of football rather than World Cup diaries and faith healers.

The days of taking the money and running are long gone," Phil Carling, the FA's commercial director, said. The image of the team and players is very, very important. The sponsors are sharing a bit of the cloak with the national team and we think they are buying into passion, excellence, professionalism and honesty."

The players will not be any richer for the deal. The FA's contribution to the players' pool was settled, after some wrangling, before the World Cup and they will not be receiv-ing any additional cash for

commercial appearances. The FA was not the only organisation to benefit yesterday. The Football League's sponsorship deal with the Nationwide, which was due to expire in the summer, has been extended for another two years with a significant increase, to more than £4 million per year.

ing every year that we have been involved with the Nationwide," Richard Scudamore, the League chief executive. said, "and they are up 4 per cent already this time. We will be building on that with

The Football Conference will also be sponsored by the Nationwide for the next two years. We are supporting the game of football as a whole," Brian Davis, the chief execu-tive, said. But it is the fortunes of the England team that

matter most. ☐ West Ham United are expected to spend the first of the riches from the sale of John Hartson next week when Marc-Vivien Foe arrives at Upton Park. The Cameroon midfield player is due in London on Monday for a medical and is expected to conclude a £4 million move. The 23-yearold was close to signing for Manchester United from Lens last season, but the deal was called off when he broke his leg. United have since made three significant signings and there was no indication yesterday that they would try to resurrect the transfer.

West heads north, page 44

Instead, in revealing the

quality of the field that he has

signed for the Flora London Marathon, Bedford went no

further than to suggest that it

was merely "the strongest we have ever assembled". Under-

statement? Definitely. Given

# Faulty powers: Kournikova tries to get it right this time Kournikova

rues loss of normal service

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT IN MELBOURNE

SHE may look a million dollars, but you wouldn't give tuppence for her service ...

The obsession with Anna Kournikova may have reached new heights at the Australian Open, the men of Melbourne melting at the feet of the Russian ice maiden, but one aspect of her play has

plunged to near-farce. For someone so clearly aware of the importance of shape in the spicy world of modern women's tennis, she is showing an alarming disdain for the small rectangle on the court into which her service should be dropping.

In her second-round match yesterday, the 18-year-old served up 31 double faults against Miho Saeki, of Japan, but somehow scrambled to victory 1-6, 6-4, 10-8. Added to the 26 that she produced in the first round, it took her aggre-

gate for the tournament to 57. Two matches in Sydney last week yielded 34 doubles and her tally for her past seven

matches now stands at 147. "It has been happening for a while, so I am kind of used to it." she said. "I'm really frustrated with it, just like everybody who is watching. In practice, I feel fine, I serve normal and there's no sign of double faults — it's just when I come to the line, when I play, there's

something happening."
Kournikova should beware. A gaggle of teeny talent is mouring for her crown, as witnessed yesterday by the arrival of another Soviet starlet, Elena Dimentieva. Seventeen, leggy and blonde, with elongated fingernails painted me-tallic silver, she ultimately succumbed to that gnarled veter-

an, Martina Hingis.

frowned upon the gallery's al-legiance to the unknown Dimentieva, but she will be in for more of the same - and Jelena Dokic, the 15-year-old local heroine, tomorrow.

Hingis has grown up to crave her fame. She describes herself as one of the game's Spice Girls, often treating herself to extravagant diamonds as reward for her performance. In an effort to further brighten her profile, she has enlisted an established crowdpuller as her doubles partner here. However, in chosing Kournikova, Hingis may al-ready be dwelling on the past.

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# No Gimmicks,

Double trouble: Kourrokova tries to keep her

cool, above, as the frustrations of her reper double faults begin to take hold, below

#### London lures grand slam of leading marathon men By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

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Bedford, showing the power of his chequebook, has signed the grand slam of honours holders: the world champion.

Olympic champion, Josiah Thugwane, from South Africa: the European champion, Stefano Baldini; from Italy; the world record holder, Ronaldo da Costa, from Brazil. Additionally, providing depth that even the world

championship in Seville this year is unlikely to match, Bedford has secured Khalid Khannouchi, from Morocco, Josephat Kiprono, from Kenya, Alberto Juzdado, from Spain, Antonio Pinto, from Portugal, and Lee Bong-Ju. from South Korea. Each is a man of substance in the world of elite marathon running.

To have eight runners capable of running under 2hr 8min is formidable. " Bedford said, again with understatement. I count nine, perhaps more. We can forget the idea of the first British men's winner since Eathe inclusion of Richard Nerurkar and Jon Brown, the domestic top two.

Historically, what has London got to beat to claim the best marathon ever? On time alone, the Chicago Marathon last year, when four men beat 2hr Smin: or Berlin, where Da Costa took the world record down to 2hr 6min 5sec; or the 1988 Rotterdam Marathon, with two men inside 2hr 7min 10sec. The London course may be marginally slower than some, but the size of the elite pack may counter the disadvantage.

Just as a 1-1 draw in football can be more entertaining than 3-2 win, a close marathon is often more memorable than a fast one. In that respect, there have been few marathons to compare with London two years ago, when Pinto beat Baldini in a sprint finish to the men's race, while Joyce Chepchumba, from Kenya, did the same to Liz McColgan in the

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